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NIS 1.8b.

budget cut

THE cabinet, by a vote of 14-4,

yesterday approved a NIS 1.8 bil-

lion cut in the 1997 budget, in

addition to the NIS 4.9b. cut

The cut is split between NIS

1.2b. in direct reductions in expen-

ditures and NIS 0.6b. from a vari-

ety of other sources. The total bud-

get for 1997 now stands NIS 189b.

against the cuts were Labor and

Social Affairs Minister Eli Yishai

and Interior Minister Eli Suissa,

both of Shas; Tourism Minister

Moshe Katsav (Likud), and Foreign Minister David Levy

Maxim Levy, who heads the

Gesher Knesset faction, said

Gesher would leave the govern-

ment if the budget is approved in

its current form. Gesher claims the

recommendations will hit the

Katsav also voted against the

proposals because he felt they

would affect the poorest elements.

where I can make any cuts," said

Yishai, whose ministry is facing an

Despite a promise to the con-

trary by Prime Minister Binyamin

NIS 38 million additional cut.

There is nowhere in my ministry

weakest members of society.

The four ministers who voted

agreed upon in July.

Foreign

(Gesher).

NIS 4.50 (Ellat NIS 3.80)

Netanyahu on the eve of the meet-

ing, the defense budget will be cut

by 0.5 percent. Defense Minister

Yitzhak Mordechai agreed to this,

"but he was very pained to do so,"

according to Industry and Trade

Prior to the meeting, Education

Minister Zevulun Hammer said he

would vote against the proposals,

because of the intention to cut

some NIS 250m. from his budget.

However, in a show of sympathy

led by Sharansky, all the other

ministries agreed to dig deeper

into their own pockets to ensure

the education budget is only cut by

0.65%, instead of the initial 1.3%.

The eight-hour meeting was "very difficult," according to

Finance Minister Dan Meridor,

who successfully has steered the

initial NIS 4.9b. cut through its

first reading in the Knesset.

Before the meeting, he said the next 24 hours would be the tough-

est this government has faced, and

could be its strongest test during

During their presentation to the

cabinet, Finance Ministry officials

said the additional cut is essential?

to prevent a slowdown in growth (Continued on Page 9)

its term in office.

Minister Natan Sharansky.

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PM asks Mubarak's help to end Hebron impasse

DAVID MAKOVSKY

Minister Binyamin Netanyahu last night asked Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak to use his influence on the Palestinians to break the current logjam in the talks on a Hebron pullback.

The appeal came in the phone call initiated by Mubarak, according to a statement by Netanyahu's office. During the phone call, Netanyahu praised Egypt for making a "favorable contribution" to the peace process, a comment which contrasts with the acrimony which has swirled around the bilateral relationship in recent months.

The appeal marks one of the few times Israel has asked Egypt to step up its intervention in the peace process. The Netanyahu government has been suspicious that Cairo would urge the Palestinians to take tougher positions.

The appeal comes as Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat is seeking to prevail upon Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat to scuttle a joint US-Egyptian compromise document, which would have led to a Netanyahu-Arafat summit that would culminate the accord.

Erekat, sources said, has told Arafat that if he is permitted to continue the talks, he could get a "better deal" than the proposed compromise plan, even if it takes longer. Arafat is weighing this, and everything has been put on

Arafat is now in a dilemma, since he has been careful not to buck Mubarak, but Mubarak's national security adviser, Osama Baz, coauthored the proposal with US special Middle East peace coordinator Dennis Ross.



Finance Minister Dan Meridor confers with Communications Minister Limor Livnat yesterday, just before the cabinet discussed his proposal for an additional NIS 1.8 billion budget cut.

Ministers comment on budget cut

SARAH HONIG

FOREIGN Minister David Levy was the most outspoken of the ministers who opposed the budget cuts. The others let it be understood that there is still plenty of room for bargaining.

· Levy: "The Gesher faction will under no circumstances vote for any budget which shortchanges the weaker members of our society. The proposals which were brought to the cabinet are of the sort which deepen the inequities in society rather than narrow them. We will insist on the full implementation of the undertakings which were given us by the prime minister. I will not be a partner to a policy which deprives the have not forgotten where I came from."

• Tourism Minister Moshe Katsav: "Those ministers who are in charge of portfolios which deal with social problems will simply not be

able to bear the burden of these cuts. They are impossible when these ministries are already finding it difficult to cope with budgets that were insufficient even before the cuts. I continue to maintain that other alternatives are possi-

ble, and I have proposed them." Labor and Social Affairs Minister Eli Yishai: "I predict that when this is all over, my ministry will not be required to make the cuts voted on by the cabinet. I plan to meet the prime minister next week to explain that I see no sphere in my ministry in which I can trim the budget. I will suggest to him from where the money can be taken so that those who rely on my ministry's help are not deprived in any

· Interior Minister Eli Suissa: "I can't absolutely say at this point that Shas will vote against the budget. A lot will happen to it before it reaches the final vote. I sincerely believe that with just a little more effort, the way will be found to minimize the blow to the

"Just as the government decided to make more money by putting more taxi licenses on the market, so other ways will be found to earn more fees and the problem will be satisfactori-

The ministers who voted for the budget on the whole were happy with the curcome, espe-cially Education Minister Zevulun Hammer, who decreased the cuts to his budget.

· Hammer: "The original proposal was for (Continued on Page 9)

Certainly, to put it mildly, one that will not entirely resemble that

which Meridor just elicited from the cabinet. Yesterday's decisions

merely sketch a rough outline of the budget. This will be redrawn

in the Knesset. The haggling real-

ly starts now.

Mordechai cuts a deal on defense budget ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

to his NIS 30.5 billion budget, but said his request for an additional NIS 3b. still stands, due to revised intelligence assessments that war is more likely than in the past.

Sources in the Defense Ministry said Mordechai has an understanding with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Finance Minister Dan Meridor to review the Defense Ministry's request for more money in the coming weeks. In return, the sources said, Mordechai agreed to the mainly symbolic cut.

The request contains a demand for NIS 1.6b. for urgently needed materiel and the remainder for other less immediate needs, such as planning and covering expenses for unscheduled operational

The real haggling starts now

NO Hanukka miracle occurred for Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Finance Minister Dan Meridor yesterday. While they managed to pass ostensibly impressive budget cuts in the cabinet, they know full well that they

"ain't seen nothing yet."

The real test for the budget is not in the cabinet, but in the Knesset. It has been for every previous government and this one is no exception. The balance of power in the cabinet is vastly different from that in the Knesset. Only the coalition is represented in the cabinet, thus winning a majority is less of a problem. The Knesset, of course, includes the opposition, which puts great

While they constitute a small minority in the cabinet, they command a parliamentary force large enough to wipe out the coalition's majority. David Levy, Moshe Katsav, Eli Yishai, and Eli Suissa together have at least 20 MKs

who will toe their line. This includes Levy's Gesher faction, the Shas faction, and those Likud MKs who claim to represent the have-nots. To these should be added the four United Torah Judaism MKs, who can be counted upon not to give up lightly.

at the brink and not bring down a government in which they are doing quite well. None of the elements involved has any desire to see early elections.

However, there is no telling how many cliff-hangers await us till the final reading of the budget bill. The real action is yet to come. It is worth noting, for example, that in all the powerplays thus far in the short annals of this government, Levy has always managed to twist

Netanyahu's arm. What sort of a budget will emerge when it's all over?

The betting in political circles is power in the hands of the four that this group will prudently stop (Continued on Page 9) Answer for army recruits' poor physical fitness? Jumping rope

IF Sid "Skippy" Marcus has his way, IDF recruits will be literally skipping their way to physical fit-

The latest IDF figures show that high schoolers are less fit than ever, and the government is squeezing the defense budget even more. The answer, he said, is obvious: start recruits with jumping

"It wouldn't say it's a poor man's sports, but all you need is a rope and a pair of shoes, and you are on your way," said Marcus, a Jerusalemite originally from Chicago, and, he said, the country's only jump rope instruc-

According to Marcus, author of The Joys of Rope Skipping, it is no sissy sport. In his program, you minute. The pros hit over 200 rpm.

aren't going to find a couple of Golani Brigade sergeants swinging a rope singing "Miss Lucy had a baby...." as a recruit bounces to the rhythm. With Marcus, they'll be doing 140 revolutions per

"Soldiers hate boot camp," Marcus said. "For soldiers, exercise is like food. You need a variety of food to keep you healthy.

Ninety-nine percent of soldiers in the army hate training, and when they finish their three months of boot camp, they quit.

Rope skipping can be learned and mastered quickly. It's like a sleeping giant waiting and ready to happen. It isn't difficult. I've had students who were so klutzy you wondered how they walked down the street. And they learned to skip rope beautifully.

"If this program were adopted in the army as I proposed, you would have more disciplined, healthier, better soldiers," he said. "Jumping rope builds character. It's for everyone, even for the sergeant behind the desk.'

Marcus said even the US Marines train by rope jumping. According to Marcus, there are 150 different steps in rope skipping, and it burns 17 calories a minute in an aerobic workout that uses all the muscle groups.

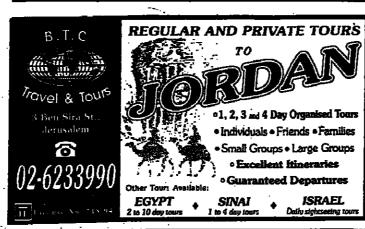
He said jumping rope is less stressful on the body than running, because you only leap an inch off the ground and 90 percent of the

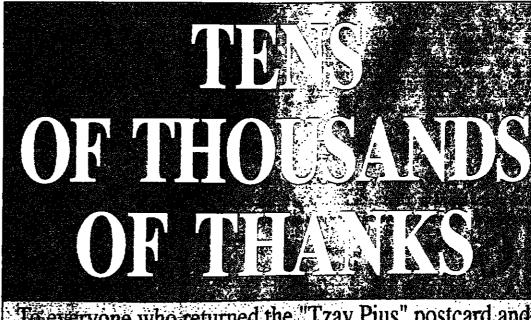
shock is absorbed by the calf muscles. Running puts three to five times a person's body weight on their legs with each stride.

"Israelis bave so much anxiety, stress, and pent up nervous energy, and it has to be released. There has to be an outlet for it, and skipping rope is the answer," Marcus said. He said he received approval to teach rope skipping from the Education Ministry three years ago. His program was to instruct

"graduating high school students to prepare them for the army." Marcus said his classes are very popular. "It was as if the candyin came to school. They are like monkeys, you can't stop them. This country can be the rope skipping capital of the world."

But so far, the army isn't jumping at his idea. A meeting with a top physical education officer began with a friendly enthusiasm, but ended when he politely showed Marcus the door and suggested he take his idea up with the LIBI fund.





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MK Yossi Beilin, who last week declared his candidacy for the Labor Party leadership, yesterday announced the findings of an opinion poll that supports the understanding he reached with Palestinian Authority official Mahmoud Abbas, which he says could serve as the basis for a permanent settlement.

The main clauses of the Beilin-Abbas plan calls for Israel to annex the large blocs of Jewish settlements in return for giving the Palestinians an area close to the Egyptian border and a demilitarized Palestinian state, Beilin told a press conference. Jewish settlers in non-annexed areas would retain Israeli citizenship, but live under Palestinian sovereignty with suit-able security protection; the IDF who voted for Binyamin Netanyahu.

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would stay on the Jordanian border, and there would be additional security arrangements, such as warning stations.

Palestinian refugees would not be allowed to return to Israel, but could return to the Palestinian state; and Jerusalem would remain united as the Israeli capital, while the Palestinian capital would be Al-Kuds, based on Abu Dis, which is outside Jerusalem's boundaries. The mosques on the Temple Mount would not be under Israeli sovereignty and would be run by the Palestinians.

The survey found some support

cent said they were either very much in favor or fairly in favor.

Prof. Efi Ya'ar who initiated and implemented the survey through Modi'in Ezrahi, has said he is interested in carrying out a similar survey among Palestinians.

The survey was carried out among 1,046 Hebrew-speaking adults and did not include Arabs, kibbutz members, or settlers. A slightly majority of those polled had voted for Netanyahu.

Of the total sample, 11.5 % were very much in favor, 42.5% fairly in favor, 17.2% fairly against, 12.4% very against, and the rest had no opinion. Of those who said they were fairly in favor, 34.1% had voted for

Six Umm el-Fahm residents arrested on suspicion of aiding Hamas

SIX Umm el-Fahm residents were arrested yesterday in connection with alleged activities on behalf of an Islamic relief organization suspected of aiding families of Hamas activists involved in planning or carrying out terror

Detectives from the National Fraud Squad arrested the suspects at their homes early yesterday morning. They are all due to appear before Acre Magistrate's Court this morning for a remand

DAVID RUDGE

"Orphans and Prisoners" association, allegedly used as a means to channel funds to families of suicide bombers.

The arrests follow the closure last week of the association's two offices in Umm el-Fahm and another office of a related body. the Humanitarian Aid Association, in Nazareth.

The offices were closed by hearing.

They are suspected of working for an organization known as the police under orders signed by OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen.

Amiram Levine. At the time,

police did not confiscate any documents, but sealed off the offices. Similar action was taken at the beginning of the year against another Islamic relief association in Nazareth by orders of thenprime minister and defense minister Shimon Peres. In that case,

police confiscated scores of docu-

ments and other material from the

office, which was closed. In all of the cases, the organizers have maintained that the bodies were involved in humanitarian work, giving help to orphans and needy families in Gaza and the

Settlers complain of Arab vandalism at Machpela Cave

A MEZUZA was ripped off a doorway to the Machpela Cave. and an attempt was made to break into a locked bookcase and the ark holding Torah scrolls inside the cave, Hebron settlement activists said vesterday.

. A police spokesman said the security services are looking into the incident.

According to Orit Shtruck, a spokeswoman for the settlement. Jews who went to the cave in the morning found that a mezuza had been ripped off the main entrance. In addition, she said that a book-Ya'acov Hall was damaged, and that a video camera monitoring the cave recorded an unsuccessful attempt in Ya'acov Hall to break into the ark holding the Torah scrolls.

The Jewish half of the cave is generally closed to Moslems, but Sunday the entire cave was open

DESPITE efforts to bring an end

to the Diaspora in Yemen, only

some two dozen Jews from there

immigrated to Israel over the past

year, Deputy Religious Affairs Minister Arye Gamliel said yester-

Over the past three years, all but

some 300 Jews left Yemen, joining

the vast majority of the communi-

ty, which had been airlifted to

Israel in the Fifties in Operation

Gamliel said at a meeting of the

Magic Carpet.

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exclusively to Moslems because of the holy day marking Mohammed's ascent to heaven. The ark has been locked and reinforced with iron since 1977, when Palestinians destroyed-a: number of Torah scrolls and prayer books in the cave.

Hebron settlement spokesman David Wilder said that Sunday's vandalism has to raise questions about security in the cave. "If they could not catch the Arabs when they were vandalizing the Jewish side of the cave, it raises questions about what they may be doing on their side of the cave," he said.

In a related development, the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza decided to lobby the Likud's coalition partners to get them to condition their support for the budget on "cancelling the decrees of the previous

Knesset's Immigration and

Absorption Committee yesterday

that the ultra-Orthodox Satmar

community had sent representa-

tives to Yemen who were thwart-

ing efforts to bring the remaining

Some 10 youths who had been

he said, and were living there

dition was described as good.

Yemenite Jews to Israel.

without their parents.

government designed to dry up the settlements.'

"It took [Shimon] Sheves exactly 10 days to discriminate against the settlers. Why is it taking the government six months [to reverse the situation]," said council chair-

breaks from the settlements.

The council also instructed its director-general, Aharon Domb, to draw up a plan spelling out ways gal Arab building in the territories still under Israeli control. Settlement leaders have been complaining for months that whereas every new balcony built in the settlements needs a permit, the Palestinians are building at a rapid pace with little or no government the Dome of the Rock yesterday. Hussein considers himself the

The purple-and-red carpets arrived in time for the Moslem fasting month of Ramadan, which begins in January.

adjacent Al-Aksa Mosque are administered by the Islamic Trust, or Wakf. Jordan controls the Wakf, paying the salaries of Moslem

A student standing atop a pile of chairs waves a flag at Hebron University yesterday. The students

defied a closure order and broke into the campus to resume classes suspended since March, after

the wave of suicide bombings. The closure prevented some 1,500 students from resuming their

higher education. In October, the university dean defied the closure order by reopening the uni-

King Hussein donates \$200,000

versity at a nearby location and registering students for the new term.

clergymen and teachers. The arrangement continued after the 1967 war. In its 1994 peace treaty with Jordan, Israel recognized Hussein's special status concerning the holy sites. However, Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat has been trying to diminish the Jordanian influence since he took

hand over the guardianship to the Palestinians once they are properly established.

Grapes of Wrath observers to conduct verification visit

DAVID RUDGE

REPRESENTATIVES of the Grapes of Wrath monitoring committee are to visit the security zone and Tibnit village in south Lebanon today to investigate com-plaints by Lebanon over the wounding of seven civilians in fighting in the region on Saurday.

The American and French repre-sentatives are scheduled to visit the scene of the roadside bomb attack and then go north of the zone to Tibrit and inspect the site where the civilians were hit.

The decision was taken during a meeting yesterday of the fivenation committee established to supervise the understandings, which ended cross-border fighting between Israel and Hizbullah in

The committee, composed of representatives from the US, France, Israel, Syria and Lebanon, met at UNIFIL's headquarters in Nakoura to discuss the complaint by Lebanon over the wounding of the civilians by IDF tank fire.

The incident occurred during heavy exchanges on Saurday following a roadside bomb attack by Hizbullah, north of the Beaufort Castle, in which an IDF soldier was killed and another moderately wounded.

During the attack, according to Israel's version, Hizbullah gunmen fired anti-tank missiles at the same IDF patrol that was hit by the roadside bombs. IDF gunners responded to the Sagger missiles by returning fire.

Lebanon, however, has claimed that there was no anti-tank missile fire at the time and that the IDF shelling was unjustified.

Hizbullah has openly accused the committee of being toothless and ineffectual and of being unable to protect Lebanese civil-

Israel, on the other hand, has accused Hizbullah of systematically breaking the Grapes of Wrath understandings by using villages and public facilities north of the security zone as cover for firing at IDF and South Lebanese Army troops.

The committee, now being chaired by France under a rotation agreement with the US, is expected to continue its discussions on the incident this afternoon and (AP) tomorrow.

for carpets at Dome of Rock mar Pinhas Wallerstein. ---WORKERS started laying 1,700 ago, Hussein paid \$6.5 million to -Sheves, director-general of the -Prime Minister's Office under cover the mosque's dome with square meters of flower-patterned Turkish carpets - a \$200,000 gift nearly 180 pounds of 24-karat gold. Yitzhak Rabin, drew up a plan that took a variety of preferential The Dome of the Rock and the from Jordan's King Hussein - in

guardian of the Moslem holy sites in Jerusalem, a claim that has put him in competition with the Palestinians and Saudi Arabia.

The new carpets replace Iranian ones that date back from before the Six Day War in 1967. Two years the reins of the PA in 1994.

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Children, Daniel, Marion and Laura
Brother, Jonathan and Chana Sheink
Sister, Jane and Sam Meerkin and grandchildren .

BATSHEVA TSUR

Committee Blumenthal called on Sephardi Chief Rabbi Eliahu Bakshi-Doron to send rabbinate representatives to check what was happening to the community in Yemen.

Aliya efforts in Yemen have small results

"We can't just give in to the Satmars," she told the committee. attending Satmar institutions in New York had returned to Yemen, Meanwhile,the com<u>mittee</u> learned, many of the newcomers are having a hard time here. The However, the community's conmajority of the Yemenite immigrant children are studying in religious boarding schools, represen-tatives of the local councils told the committee. Many of them are

immigrants

arrives from

former USSR

DAVID RUDGE

NEARLY 300 immigrants from

the former Soviet Union disem-barked from the Dimitry

Shostakovich passenger ship at the

Haifa port yesterday. They are the fiftieth group to sail here from the

Black Sea port of Odessa in an

immigration-by-sea project fund-

ed by the international Christian

organization, the Ebenezer Emergency Fund.

A reception was held at the

Haifa port passenger terminal to celebrate. Senior officials from the

Ports and Railways Authority, the

Jacob Caspi shipping agents firm, the Absorption Ministry, the Haifa

Port, the Ebenezer Fund and vol-

unteer helpers, as well as Jerusalem Post President and

Publisher Yehuda Levy, welcomed

the new immigrants with Hanukka

The Ebenezer Fund's interna-

tional coordinator, Gustav

Scheller, said more than 12,000

new immigrants had made the exo-

dus from the former Soviet Union

since the project began in 1991.

gifts and doughnuts.

In Rehovot, where there is a

large concentration of new immigrants from Yemen, more than 50% of those under 12 years old have been sent to boarding schools, according to Ophira Rubinstein of the Rehovot munic-

That is because some of the parents were paid to send their children away, MK Yossi Sarid (Meretz) charged.

Rubinstein also said that Shas representatives had prevented municipal inspectors from entering Shas-run kindergartens to examine the situation of the immi-

agreed to a proposal from the committee that a special team be set up to look into this. There are 35 Yemenite families

grant children. Gamliel then

in the Oshiot quarter of Rehovot which are living under terrible conditions of poverty, Rubinstein added. MK Eitan Kavel (Labor) warned that the immigrants' economic situation could lead to an

Blumenthal noted that their mortgage loans had not been updated. This prompted the committee members to call on the Treasury to provide easier mortgage terms for these immi-

NEWS IN BRIEF

91 injured in traffic accidents

Ninety-one drivers, passengers and pedestrians were wounded in road accidents yesterday. Magen David Adom crews around the country transported the injured to various hospitals.

Palestinian journalists to get entry permits Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu decided yesterday to grant 120 special entry permits to Palestinian journalists, who have had difficulty covering events in Israel over the past few years. The permits are to be issued by the security authorities, in coordination with the liaison offices. Jerusalem Post Staff

Hefetz: Arnon affair mishandled

Police Insp.-Gen. Assaf Hefetz, after reviewing all the facts regarding the arrest of Hebron Jewish community spokesman Noam Amon on Shabbat, has concluded that the matter could have

been handled differently.

"There is no doubt that the policemen in the district work under difficult conditions and do fine work in maintaining law and order, but they must also do this with sensitivity, especially in a place like Hebron. The lessons from this affair will be learned," he said in a statement issued yesterday. Jerusalem Post Staff

Supreme Court hears Korman's appeal

The Supreme Court heard Nahum Korman's appeal against his remand yesterday, but will issue its decision only at a later date. Korman, a security officer of the settlement Betar, is being charged with beating to death Hilmi Shoushi, 11, while chasing a group of rock-throwing Arab youths. His attorney, Yair Golan, argued that Korman cannot be considered dangerous, as the killing was certainly not premeditated.

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Gesher thi coalition

Sharansky takes extra cut to help education

THERE has been widespread praise for Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky, who offered to implement an additional cut in his budget to minimize the cut to the education budget. After Sharansky's gesture, others, at Finance Minister Dan Meridor's invitation, followed suit.

The effect of the newly approved NIS 1.8 billion cut in next year's budget will be felt in every ministry. In real terms the cut will total NIS 1.2b., with the remaining NIS 600 million coming from increased revenues.

The social service ministries -Health, Labor and Social Affairs, Absorption, and Religious Affairs - will each have to implement a 1.3 percent cut, on top of that already approved by the government in July. The Education Ministry should have also undergone such a cut, but after an impassioned plea from Minister Zevulun Hammer, the cabinet unanimously agreed to halve the cut to 0.65%, or NIS 125 million.

"This was the one thing each and every one of us thought we had to support." Sharansky said

The economic ministries -Industry and Trade, Transport, National Infrastructure, Science, Tourism, Agriculture, Interior, and Housing - will each sustain a 3%

Despite rumors to the contrary, Meridor and Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu decided to lead by example, including their own offices in the list of those **BUDGET CUTS**

Each ministry will have to make additional cuts, following yesterday's cabinet decision:

Defense:	NIS 150m.	Agriculture:	NIS 38m.
nterior:	NIS 126m.	Health:	NIS 26m.
ducation:	NIS 125m.	National Infrastructure:	NIS 23m.
ndustry and Trade:	NIS 102m.	Tourism:	NIS 22m.
reasury:	NIS 65m.	Absorption:	NIS 22m.
lousing and		Transportation:	NIS 20m.
Construction:	NIS 63m.	Internal Security:	NIS 18m.
Foreign:	NIS 45m.	Religious Affairs:	NIS 17m.
ustice:	NIS 43m.	PM Office:	NJS 13m.
abor and	740 751111	Environment: Science:	NIS 8m.
Social Welfare:	NIS 38m.	Communications:	NIS 6m. NIS 3m.

hardest hit. The others to face 5% cuts are Justice, Foreign Affairs, Environment, and Comminications

The only other cut could prove to be one of the most controversial, and is the clearest example of Netanyahu going back on his

Speaking to the nation in a live television broadcast on Sunday night, Netanyahu said there would be no additional cut to the defense budget. However, this morning Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai indicated he would be prepared to concede another 0.5% "for the good of the country as a whole." He did warn that, from a military perspective, every additional cut could be potentially disastrous for future security.

Each minister will be responsi-

Each ministry also faces a 10% cut in its purchasing power.

Additionally, the government will issue 1,000 new taxi licenses. which will raise in excess of NIS 35m. Additional income will come from the sale, approved by the cabinet some three weeks ago, of some 3,000 governmentowned apartments across the Green Line .

While there are likely to be claims to the contrary in the coming days, Meridor, Treasury Director-General David Brodet, and budget department head Ran Kroll denied there are any new taxes or tax increases in the proposals. Meridor did admit, when pressed, that given the inevitable reduction in state-run services, the tax burden would be proportion-

If all of the cuts are successfully implemented, the senior Treasury officials argued, growth will reach 4% next year, followed by an average of 5.1% over the following three years; private per capita consumption will increase 1.8% next year and 2.9% thereafter, goods and service exports will grow by 7.1% in 1997 and then 7.2% until 2000; and unemployment will rise to 6.9% next year, before falling back to 6.5% by the end of the century. The unemployment figures are some 0.3% higher than those predicted in July, but that is only because of a change in the Central Bureau of Statistics calculation methods, according to Treasury head of economic research and state revenue administration Tsipi Gal-Yam.

Labor: This won't be the budget

THE 1997 budget proposal bears no relation to what will happen in reality, the Labor Party faction charged yesterday.

"We will oppose this budget, because it is a paper budget only," said party leader Shimon Peres at a faction meeting yesterday. "I don't believe the decisions which have been made will actually be implemented... It is very difficult to cut NIS 7 bil-

Peres said he was especially worried by the cuts in the defense budget.

Former finance minister Avraham Shohat, who heads the opposition in the Knesset Finance Committee, said the budget seemed very unlikely to pass by December 31. The new cuts approved by the cabinet yesterday will reach the committee only next week at the earliest, he noted, and will force the committee to reopen its discussion on many of the ministry budgets which it had already finished. Furthermore, he said. the committee has not yet discussed some of the key elements of the NIS 4.9 billion cut already submitted, such as fees for doctors visits, and it has already rejected another major element: the cut in child allowances.

Finally, he charged, some of the revenue-raisers included in the NIS 1.8 billion of cuts approved yesterday, such as the sale of empty apartments in the territories, will not actually raise any money by the time mortgage grants and infrastructure work is factored with HAIM BEN-SHAHAR

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu came into the cabinet meeting saying he wouldn't cut the defense budget and hinting he favored increasing it, as Minister of Defense Yitzhak Mordechai wants. In the end, the cabinet approved a 0.5 percent cut to the NIS 30.45 billion defense budget. What kind of message does this give?

This is not a significant figure, but nevertheless reflects the reality that economically we cannot have our cake and eat it too. If we are moving toward a more aggressive foreign policy and less certainty with respect to the peace process, then we need to increase the defense budget. But the reality is that with all the pressure on the government, it cannot find the resources to do so. That is a good reason why it has to make up its mind regarding the direction it wants to take with the peace process.

How does this cut correlate with the defense budgets over the past two decades?

Since the peace treaty with Egypt, we have seen the defense budget drop from over 20% of the Gross Domestic Product to about 11% today. But with the huge increase in the GDP and government expenditures, the defense budget remained constant in real terms. In light of this, the real values of IDF salaries and operating costs have gone up, so that cuts to other items, such as acquisitions and R&D, have made up the balance.

Do the cuts put the IDF's defensive capabilities at risk? It is not a meaningful cut.

The defense minister voted for the cut, but his people are saying that their request for additional billions to meet increasing threats still stands

This is sending mixed signals. The cut is symbolic and the defense minister probably sees the whole picture. He is saying he needs a substantial budget increase and he supported the cut only as a way of collaborating with the prime minister in his present efforts. But if he ends up getting more money, it will defeat the whole cut.

Are you saying that economic realities are now going to dictate foreign policy?

The objective situation is that one has to choose. If the government chooses the road of great uncertainty with regard to the peace process, it must spend more on defense. And this can be done only if it cuts more into social services. It's an either/or situation. Arieh O'Sullivan

Welfare groups step up opposition to cuts A coalition of 60 social welfare groups said yesterday that it will fight the planned cuts to the best of its ability. Campaigning in the Knesset while the cabinet was immersed in its deliberations, representatives of

the Organizations for the Struggle Against Budgetary Cuts met with MKs to explain to them the likely implications for average people in the

The groups involved represent women, Arabs, children, pensioners and development town residents.

Gesher threatens to leave coalition over budget

GESHER yesterday threatened to leave the government if the final 1997 budget attacks the socially weak, faction chairman Maxim

Speaking while the cabinet was locked in its marathon meeting to approve the additional NIS 1.8 billion cut, Levy said his brother, Foreign Minister David, would vote against what he described as an intolerable package of mea-

"If the budget is implemented as it is now, we will not be part of the government," said Levy, who also chairs the Labor and Social Affairs

Referring to Sunday's meeting between Gesher MKs and Finance Minister Dan Meridor, Levy said:

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rapprochement," adding that no compromises were reached.

Asked to specify which cuts would affect the socially weak, Levy said every shekel cut is a further attack. By cutting the education, social affairs, and construction budgets, the government is taking state money away from those who need it most. In particular, Gesher is opposed

to cuts aimed at housing, child benefits, discharged soldiers, and older people, and an increase in arnona (municipal rates), public transport fares, and water prices.

"You cannot provide housing and so on for new immigrants and haredim, yet give nothing to the "There was absolutely no basis for other weaker classes," Levy added.

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Head of the coalition faction in the Finance Committee Silvan Shalom told reporters the committee will not accept the proposals if they include reductions in child allowances. Shalom had informed Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Meridor of the committee's opposition before the cabinet meeting. They promised, he said, to present alternative pro-

fall within his ministry. These pro-

posals will then be considered by a

ministerial committee, which will

occasionally check each min-

istry's economic performance dur-

Meridor said negotiations on the

Defense Ministry would continue

in an attempt to agree a multi-year

strategy for increasing the defense

budget. The 0.5% cut also applies

Included in the specific mea-

sures is reduction of the civil

service by 2%, in addition to the

2% reduction agreed upon in

July. Both reductions will be

achieved through natural attri-

tion and a hiring freeze. Meridor

promised to adhere to existing

union agreements, which means

to the Internal Security Ministry.

ing the course of the year.

Yisrael Ba'aliya is now most likely going to support the government in the second and third readings of the budget, according to MK Yuri Stem. . The chances are greater now that we'll support the government in the vote, but first we want to see the more general budget and its implications," he

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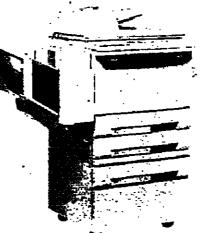
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Swiss parliament paves way for Holocaust probe

BERNE (Reuter) - Switzerland's parliament names in a report due at the latest five years yesterday cleared the way for a federal decree after the study begins. that will start a sweeping study of Swiss financial dealings with Nazi Germany and the fate of Jewish wealth stashed in Swiss banks during

Parliament's upper chamber paved the way to passage by withdrawing a controversial amendment giving individuals who feared being maligned in the study the right to ask the Swiss high court to block their names from being published.

The decree was expected to win final approval in one more vote by both chambers. said Lili Nabholz, chairwoman of the lower house legal committee.

"It should come into effect by Friday." she

Critics, including the head of the Swiss Jewish Federation. Rolf Bloch, had said the amendment would create the impression of a cover-up by allowing individuals to hide their

The Social Democrats, in power in Austria alone or in coalition

since 1945, slumped to an all-time low in the European Union's parliamentary elections, securing just 60,000 votes more than Joerg Haider's far right Freedom Party (FPOe).

NEW YORK (Reuter) - Home use of the Internet's World Wide

Web has more than doubled in the last year, with about 11 percent

of US households claiming to have used the Web in the last month,

PC-Meter said 11% of all 98.7 million US households was equal

to about 11 million homes, which is up from 4.4% (or 4.3 million) a year ago. In addition, 13.9 % of households claimed to have used

Twenty-five percent of these home Web users now visit shopping

Meter's audience rating report, of the cybershoppers, men represented the highest percentage of users. In the month of September, for

example, 62.8% of Web surfers were men and 37.2% were women.

LONDON (Reuter) - British actor Sir John Gielgud was given one

of the country's highest honors yesterday when Queen Elizabeth

Buckingham Palace said Gielgud, 92, would become the 24th member of the order, which is bestowed as a personal gift by the

queen to people who have made exceptional contributions to the

members. Gielgud fills the vacancy created by the death of Sir

Mom sells home to pay son's sex-phone bill BOGOTA (Reuter) - A Colombian mother has been forced to put her home up for sale after her 12-year-old son ran up a \$12,000

television news said on Sunday. Single mother Ana Maria Martinez

Lebanon and Spain for as long as 30 minutes at a time after seeing

advertisements in pornographic magazines. "I don't know what I'm

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Frank Whittle, inventor of the jet engine, in August 1996.

phone bill in one month by calling international sex lines,

said her son, Juan Carlos, called sex talk numbers in Israel.

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million pesos [\$12,000]," Martinez said.

arts, science, and the armed forces.

The order, founded in 1902 by King Edward VII, is limited to 24

sites, PC-Meter's audience rating reports show. According to PC-

US home Web use doubles in year

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Gielgud named to Order of Merit

appointed him a member of the Order of Merit.

according to a study by PC-Meter.

The decree, backed unanimously by parliament's lower house and the cabinet, will create a panel of independent historians, financial and legal experts empowered to lift tight banking secrecy rules for a historical accounting of Swiss commerce with Nazi

Swiss purchases of Nazi gold were a crucial source of funds to finance the German war

deposited with Swiss banks and other finance companies by Jews and other victims of Nazi persecution, and whether the Swiss have done enough to identify the lost assets of those killed in the Holocaust.

The commission will have full access to bank archives from the war era, but bank secrecy will not be lifted from modern

The commission of about seven people, including Jewish experts and two or three non-Swiss, should be appointed and starting work at the beginning of next year. Foreign Minister Flavio Cotti has said.

To speed up the process, parliament is expected to pass a provision this week cancelling a three-month waiting period applied to most new legislation to allow for referendum calls under the Swiss system of direct democ-

The decree follows recent international speculation, and demands for a search from the World Jewish Congress, that Switzerland could still be hoarding Nazi gold or holding millions of dollars in assets of people who perished during Hitler's reign of terror.

The commission is separate from an interna-tional panel set up by Swiss banks and world Jewish groups last May to search for any lost Holocaust accounts and help return the assets to their rightful owners.

Key sex charges dropped against Belgian deputy PM

highest court has rejected as without foundation the main allegations against Deputy Prime Minister Elio Di Rupo of having sex with under-age boys, the news agency Belga said yesterday.

There was no immediate confirmation of the report, for which the Belgian news agency cited informed sources.

Di Rupo had always denied the allegations that he had sex with boys below the country's legal age of consent of 16 years, and Belgian newspapers had questioned the reliability of the sole identified witness against him.

But Belga said that although the

BRUSSELS (Reuter) - Belgium's original allegations by one witness against Di Rupo had been rejected, new evidence that was handed to the Cour de Cassation, Belgium's highest court, last Wednesday still had to be evaluated.

Parliament President Raymond Langendries earlier told reporters the court had raised a procedural issue relating to the new evidence, but he gave no further details.

However, Belga said the problem was that a special parliamentary commission had transmitted the new evidence directly to the court rather than passing it via the whole parliament.

This meant that the process had to begin all over again.

another nail in the coffin of Belgian public confidence, realing since the arrest in mid-August of rapist Marc Durroux and the subsequent rescue of two young girls and discovery of the bodies of four more.

Revelations of police and judicial bungling in earlier investiga-tions in the hunt for missing children have further fuelled public anger and disgust.

In October more than 250,000 people took to the streets of Brussels in support of the victims and their families in a demonstration that crossed the country's language divide and rapidly turned into a show of anger at the system.

Berlin gays **NEWS IN BRIEF** call for Vranitzky says no to alliance with far right Holocaust VIENNA (Reuter) - Austrian Chancellor Franz Vranitzky yesterday quashed dissenting voices in his Social Democratic Party when he memorial ruled out any move to cozy up to a far right buoyed by success in European Parliament elections in October.

BERLIN (Reuter) - Berlin gays called over the weekend for their own memorial to mark the Nazis' attempt to wipe out homosexuals, stirring a lengthy debate over the building of a monument to Holocaust victims in the city of

The contentious discussion of how, or whether, to commemorate each of the groups targeted in Hitler's genocide has grown louder as each community attempts to raise awareness of its persecution under the Third Reich.

the perpetrators.

The political will for such memorials in the cash-strapped city, however, has waxed and waned as demands for Germany to pay homage to those killed in the camps have collided with municipal and federal budget worries.

Estimates of the number of socalled "pink triangle" victims of the Holocaust, named for the symbol homosexuals or those suspected of being homosexual were forced to wear in the concentration camps, range between 10,000 and 15.000.

The German federal government has already donated a site, a short walk from the Reichstag parliament building, and pledged to pay one-third of the cost of a 15 million mark (\$11 million) memorial for Jews killed in the Holocaust.

But the country has held a fiercely emotional debate about whether to commemorate other victims, and how to do it in a way that does not mask their individual persecution.

Berlin has one large-scale monument to the victims of "fascism and imperialism" in the Neue Wache (the New Guardhouse), but it has faced strong criticism that the monument erases the distinctions between the Nazis' victims.



At the White House gala for the Kennedy Center, award winners are honorees (from left) Maria Tallchief, Jack Lemmon, Johanny

Clinton honors Kennedy Center winners

WASHINGTON (AP) - Honoring five giants of the American entertainment world, President Bill Clinton on Sunday jokingly compared his own saxophone skills with those of 89-year-old jazz composer Benny Carter.

"From the start, his fellow musicians said the way he played the saxophone was amazing," Clinton said at a White House reception. "They say that about me too, but I don't think they mean it in quite

Chinton told of meeting the king of Thailand, himself a jazz musician, on his recent trip to the Far

"Three minutes after I was introduced, the king asked: 'Do you know Benny Carter? He was just 'Cimion recalled.

Carter was one of five winners of the 19th annual Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts awards for lifetime contributions to the nation's culture. The others were actor Jack Lemmon, playwright Edward Albee, country singer Johnny Cash, and ballerina

Maria Tallchief. Clinton told of Tallchief bringing American dance to the world, even to Moscow at the height of the Cold War."

half Osage Indian who was Rudolf Nureyev's partner when he debuted on American television after defecting from the Soviet Union 35 years ago. She was long ears the wite — of George Balanchine, founder of the company that became the New York City

Of Lemmon, Clinton said: "He has taken the kind of risks that elevate an actor's work from the unremarkable to the unforget-

Cash, he said, "has made country music, music not just for our country but for the entire world." Albee's plays "have invigorated

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Tallchief, 72 next month, is the a new generation of playwrights to do the same," Clinton said. ? Carter's record as a saxophonist

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An actor from the age of 4, Lemmon had been nominated eight times for an Academy Award before he was 60.

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Albee, 68, has won three Pulitzer prizes.

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to resume oil exports

UNITED NATIONS (AP) - UN Secretary-General Bouros-Ghali gave the green light yesterday for Iraq to resume oil exports for the first time in more than six years to buy food and medicine for its people.

Iraq's UN ambassador, Nizar Hamdoon, said oil could begin flowing within a couple of days. Iraq was barred from selling oil under sweeping international sanctions imposed after President Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait in August 1990, triggering the Gulf War.

Those sanctions remain in effect until the United Nations is satisfied Iraq has complied with orders to scrap banned weapons programs. But the United Nations agreed to allow limited oil exports under strict international supervision to alleviate the suffering of the Iraqi people.

UN agencies estimate that about 180,000 Iraqi children under age five suffer from mainutrition as a result of the sanctions.

This is a victory for the poorest of the poor of Iraq, for the women and children," Boutros-Ghali said after submitting a report to the

Security Council saying the long-delayed "oil for food" plan was ready to begin.

"I hope that the humanitarian dimension will always prevail at the United Nations," Boutros-Ghali said.

UN spokesman Sylvana Foa said the report was submitted to Security Council President Francesco Paolo Fulci of Italy. No action is required by the council, but Fulci must formally present it to the 15-member

The plan was to take effect this morning. UN officials say it would take another day or two for UN experts to approve contracts before the oil could begin flowing. "I'm happy," Hamdoon said.
"We look forward to developing the relationship between Iraq and the United Nations necessary for the full lifting of sanctions.

Iraq will be permitted to sell \$2 billion worth of oil every six months. Two-thirds of the revenues will go for food and medicine. The rest will provide compensation to Gulf War victims and pay for UN monitoring of Iraqi

Major, Bruton urge IRA to call immediate cease-fire

LONDON (Reuter) - Britain and Ireland yesterday united to urge the Irish Republican Army to call a cease-fire as soon as possible, but the guerrillas showed no sign of agreeing to a truce.

After four hours of talks in London, British Prime Minister John Major and his Irish counterpart John Bruton put on a great show of unity over condemning the IRA's guerrilla campaign.

But the two leaders still sharply disagreed on the timetable for bringing Sinn Fein, the IRA's political wing, into the stalled Northern Ireland peace talks.

We are united in wanting to see a credible cease-fire," Major said after the meeting.
Bruton agreed: "We are both

working for an unequivocal restoration of the Irish Republican Army cease-fire at the earliest possible moment. But the plea fell on deaf ears

with the IRA, which ended its 17month cease-fire in February, now appearing reluctant even to call its traditional Christmas truce. Security chiefs fear that the IRA

may now be planning a pre-Christmas bombing campaign and Republican sources on both sides of the border warned that a ceasefire was unlikely.

"John Major has shown that he is not interested in finding a negotiated settlement," one Republican source said.

Bruton's relationship with Major was soured two weeks ago when Major decided to spell out his position on the tortuous peace

Sinn Fein has been frozen out of all-party peace talks until the IRA calls a genuine cease-fire. But Britzin and Ireland still cannot agree on when the door should be opened to the Republican party.

process without Dublin's agree-

Major bluntly told reporters in front of Bruton: "I have never been prepared to put a date on

But Bruton was much more specific: "Given the imminence of the Christmas recess, I would hope that this would be possible early in the New Year. But there could be room for useful reciprocal confidence-building measures in the

Political problems abound on both sides of the Irish Sea.

Major's one-seat parti majority evaporated on Friday when a Conservative member of parliament withdrew his support from the government in a row about a hospital ward closure.

The mutinous rumblings of Eurosceptics," who accuse the European Union of encroaching on British national sovereignty. show no signs of dying down in the ruling Conservative Party.

Major is now heavily dependent on the nine Ulster Unionist members of parliament, who fervently want to maintain Northern Ireland's links with Britain and warn they will judge each vote in the House of Commons on its merits. They will be watching for any sign of Major going "soft" on Sinn Fein.

FBI offers \$500,000 reward for Olympic bomber

ATLANTA (Reuter) - The Federal Bureau of Investigation yesterday made public the tape recording of a telephone warning of the Olympic Park bombing in Atlanta and offered a reward for information leading to

The FBI announced it would pay "up to \$500,000" for photographs, videotapes or information that helps catch the person who planted the the arrest of the bomber or bombers. bomb on July 27 at Centennial Olympic Park.

Announcing the reward at a news conference in Atlanta, FBI Deputy Director Weldon Kennedy called the bombing, which killed two people and injured more than 100, a "vicious crime" and appealed to the public

"This investigation continues to have our highest priority." Kennedy

Agents played a tape of a telephone warning called in before the bomb went off. The brief message said there was a bomb in the park and told authorities they had 30 minutes.

WORLD NEWS

UN chief gives Thousands in Belgrade protest Iraq green light arrest, beating of young protester

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TENS of thousands of demonstrators, protesting the arrest and beating of a young supporter, again hit the streets yesterday and their leaders vowed not to stop until Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic resigns.

Union organizers battled fear of a police crackdown to try to get workers to join the daily protests, which began after authorities annulled the November 17 elections that the opposition won in Serbia's capital and 14 other

The Serbian Supreme Court, which is controlled by Milosevic, gave no reason why it rejected an appeal Sunday to reinstate the opposition victory. Honoring the ballot box win would have given Milosevic's foes control of Belgrade.

Radomir Lazarevic, chief of the Belgrade election commission, told reporters that the election commission would appeal the ruling to the federal courts of Yugoslavia, the federation of Serbia and smaller Montenegro.
The federal court must rule within

Regardless, the Serbian Supreme Court decision did not bode well for appeals of nullifications of elections in other cities and brought out 100,000 protesters yesterday against Milosevic, who once had extraordinary grassroots support in Serbia.

Zoran Djindjic, leader of the opposition Democratic Party, said it was no longer a question of the opposition winning back its elec-

This is an uprising to win democracy," Djindjic said. Vuk Draskovic, another opposition leader, said almost three weeks of anti-Milosevic protests "will continue till we achieve the resignation of the head of the law state

Earlier yesterday, 30,000 students protested the arrest Saturday and beating of 21-yearold Dejan Bulatovic. Foes of Milosevic said he was fingered for being one of several protesters in Belgrade who stood atop a jeep with an effigy of Milosevic in a prison uniform.

"Must we bow our heads and take all of this?" said a statement issued by the students. "Tomorrow it could be one of us. Let's rebel against their brutality."

Independent radio B 92, which had been shut down last week by the authorities and then allowed to re-open, reported Bulatovic was already sentenced to 25 days in jail and faced further charges of offending Milosevic that could sentence him to up to three years

Ďejan's mother Ljiljana Bulatovic told B 92 that she visited her son in prison Sunday. She said his nose was broken and he told he had a pistol barrel stuck into his mouth during interroga-

She said he was shivering with cold as he was beaten naked, and in front of an open window despite freezing weather. She said he had asthma problems.

Kati Marton, chairwoman of the New York-based Committee to Protect Journalists, met with Milosevic on Saturday and later told B 92 that the Serbian leader pledged not to use force against

But the opposition reported Sunday that eight people - including Bulatovic - had been arrested the past two days, bringing last week's total to 40.

Independent unions pledged to start strikes today in support of three weeks of political protests. But workers traditionally are poorly organized here, and the protests got off to a slow start.



Dejan Bulatovic, a 21-year-old worker, holds an effigy of Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic dressed in prison clothing during a protest march through Belgrade last Friday. Yesterday 30,000 students protested Bulatovic's beating and arrest for his role in the march.

Tearful Fred Goldman winds up plaintiffs' case against Simpson

(AP) - Plainums rested their sid of the wrongful death case against O.J. Simpson with testimony from Fred Goldman, who yesterday told tearfully how he loved his slain son "more than you can imagine."

Taking the stand as the final plaintiffs' witness, Goldman shot Simpson angry glances as he testi-fied about his son's life and dreams.

After a gentle cross-examination of Goldman - in which he acknowledged he had a \$450,000 book deal - Simpson attorney Robert Baker began presenting Simpson's defense. In his direct testimony, Goldman

described his son's up-and-down years with school problems and numerous jobs, finally finding his own way in the world, shortly before he was killed, drafting plans to open his own restaurant. "Mr. Goldman, did you love your

son?" asked lawyer Daniel Petrocelli, who represents Goldman. "Oh, God, yes," Goldman testified through tears that he dabbed with a white tissue.

"Do you miss him?" Petrocelli asked.

"More than you can imagine," Goldman said. "Do you think about him every day?" Petrocelli said.

"There isn't a day that goes by that I don't think of Ron," the witness said. "So your life won't be the same

again?" Never, ever be the same," he As the first defense witness,

Baker recalled former Los

SANTA MONICA, California Angeles Police detective Philip who was questioned about his decision to leave the crime scene and go to Simpson's house, which officers entered without a wanant.

But Baker was repeatedly thwarted in his efforts to press Vannatter.

Superior Court Judge Hiroshi Fujisaki sustained nearly every one of the plaintiffs' objections that Baker's questions were irrelevant, argumentative and retraced old ground

Vannatter previously testified for the plaintiffs, but only for a few minutes. Jurors appeared glum during

Goldman's testimony, taking only Occasionally, Goldman turned

and faced Simpson, who Goldman firmly believes murdered his son and Nicole Brown Simpson on June 12, 1994. Goldman also looked at Simpson several times during a brief sidebar discussion among attorneys. Throughout the testimony, attor-

neys displayed family photos of Ron Goldman and his sister, Kimberly.

The testimony ended with a videotape taken at a bat mitzvah for Ron Goldman's stepsister in November 1993.

It showed a beaming young man, his hair fashionably slicked. back. At one point, he looked in the camera and said, "God knows where I'll be in a year."

Rwandan Hutus in Tanzania divided over return

SOME 15,000 Rwandan refugees abandoned two camps in Tanzania to avoid being sent home and many others said yesterday they

A UN refugee agency (UNHCR) spokesman Peter Kessler said most of the refugees made off into the bush on Sunday heading north and northeast, away from the Rwandan border.

The exodus bodes ill for a repatriation plan for the 542,000 Rwandan refugees in Tanzania and it could end in hands of Rwandans wandering around the country, as happened in Zaire on the other side of Rwanda.

Tanzania and UNHCR last week gave refugees in 13 camps dotted around northwest Tanzania until December 31 to return home in an ultimatum that polarised the refugee population - some saying they are willing to go back in large groups and others saying they do not trust Rwanda's new govern-

"I don't want to go back. I suf-

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MATTHEW BIGG NGARA, Tanzania

feared reprisals if they returned to fered a lot in 1994 and I saw innocent women and children killed. but still I ask myself how come there are 86,000 people in jail," Samwel Sembagari, a former teacher from Rwanda's Ruhengeri province, told Reuters.

Up to one million ethnic Tutsis and moderate Hutus were killed in Rwanda in 1994 in a genocide in which the extremist Hutu militia Interahamwe played a major

Sembagari, now in charge of education at Lumasi camp in Ngara district, said he feared he could be falsely accused of taking part in the genocide because he worked for the former govern-

Refugees interviewed by Reuters conceded many Tutsis were killed in Rwanda, but denied an organized genocide "I can't go back. I hear stories

that everybody who worked for the old government is being taken to court whether they are guilty or not," said a woman who said her father was a mayor in Rwanda's Kibungo province.

Kessler linked the flight of refugees from the Tanzanian camps to the presence in the camps of the Interahamwe, which does not want the refugees to go

"They [refugees] have been under pressure from Interahamwe and so-called refugee leaders to ignore the Tanzanian government and not to go home. They [the Interahamwe] have been knocking on every hut, terrorising the refugees with scare stories about the situation back home," Kessler He said he could not rule out

some refugees wanting to move away from Interahamwe influence and go home in peace. Kessler said more than 5,500

refugees had signed up for repairiation. A total of 789 returned to (Reuter) Rwanda yesterday.

World-renowned archeologist Mary Leakey dies at 83

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) - Mary Leakey, half of the team whose discoveries in East Africa brought the world closer to understanding the origins of man, died yesterday at 83. A statement from her son Richard announced her death, but did not give its cause, saying only that she died peacefully. Leakey and her late husband, Louis, astounded the world with their fossil discoveries in Tanzania and Kenya that indicated man's evolution began in East Africa far earlier than had been believed. And in 1978, after her husband's death, she found footprints made in

volcanic ash that showed early hominids walked upright 3.5 million years ago - again, much earlier than had been thought.

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resulting in a huge political suc-

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from outside Palestine. Pan-Arab

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agree, as did Rabin, with the US

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Syria's standing

United States-led coalition restored the sov-ereignty of Kuwait by forcibly ejecting Iraqi

Today, the Arab world is clamoring for a sovereign Palestinian state, while at the same time. a veteran Arab state stands occupied by two foreign armies, its sovereignty practically nonexistent, and the Arab world remains indifferent at

Lebanon has made great strides in rebuilding itself since the end of the civil war. Entire sections of Beirut, rendered into a moonscape by years of fighting, have been leveled and the rubble used to extend the city into the sea. The former "Paris of the Middle East" is slowly returning to her former glory. The Lebanese army has successfully disarmed 10 militias that had turned the country into a shooting gallery.

All this has been accomplished by way of a Faustian bargain with Syria.

Syria is occupying Lebanon with 40,000 troops, some positioned in Beirut itself. This occupation is in flagrant violation of the Taif Accords of October 1989, brokered by the Arab League in Taif, Saudi Arabia. The accords did legitimize Syria's presence in Lebanon to some extent, but they required that Syrian forces withdraw from Beirut and that Syria "meticulously uphold" the sovereignty of Lebanon. Neither has happened.

The Lebanese government cannot take any major decisions without Syrian approval, including decisions in international forums. Lately, Syria has been tightening its vice-like grip further by restricting television and radio stations, provoking protests in the capital. The Lebanese battle against unemployment has not been helped by the estimated 1.5 million Syrians who have displaced local workers.

But all this is child's play compared to the greatest Syrian violation of Lebanese sovereignty - the use of Lebanon as a launching pad for a proxy war against Israel.

According to Ha'aretz, Israeli military sources report that dozens of planeloads of weapons from Iran destined for Hizbullah, have landed in Damascus over the last few months. At the same time, Hizbullah is claiming that it will no longer be restrained by the understandings reached after Operation Grapes of Wrath, implying that Katyusha attacks on northern Israel could resume.

Syria, of course, claims that it is only helping Hizbullah resist Israeli occupation of southern Lebanon. The truth of the matter is that Israel badly wants to leave Lebanon, while Syria is happy to have it stay there.

Both the current and former Israeli governments have had a standing offer to the Syrians:

IN 1991, the world watched in awe as the Let the Lebanese army move south and disarm Hizbullah, and Israel will leave Lebanon. Syria's refusal to accept this deal reveals that its real reason for allowing Hizbullah's arming has nothing to do with evicting Israel from

All the parties involved understand that Syria is simply using Hizbullah to put military pressure on Israel to force concessions on the Golan Heights. Since the Netanyahu government seems less forthcoming on the Golan than the previous administration, Syria is expected to increase the pressure by turning up the heat in

During the Cold War, the US and the Soviet Union fought each other through proxy wars in Afghanistan, Angola, Nicaragua, and Vietnam, to name a few. In none of these wars, however, was the territory of one of the superpowers under attack or threat. What is more, the struggle was over the type of government in the country where the war was fought, not over territorial claims by an outside party.

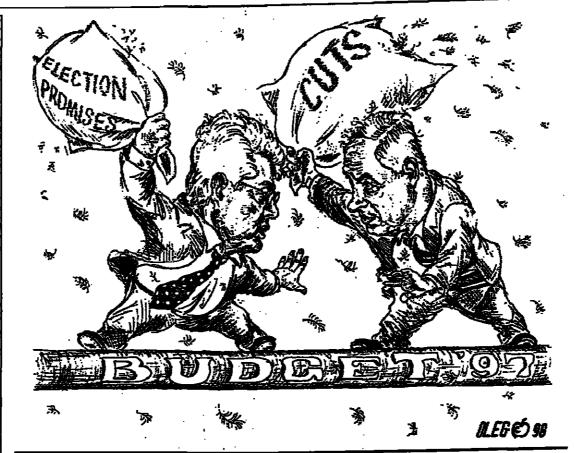
In Syria's proxy war against Israel, Israelis fight and die to protect their country from direct terrorist and rocket attacks. Syria and Iran, on the other hand, can wage war free from any military threat and at the expense of a "brother" nation's people, territory, and sovereignty.

At least that is how the game has been played up until now. When Binyamin Netanyahu came into office, he signaled that these rules would change. Syrian forces would henceforth risk paying a price for fueling a proxy war against Israel. Syria responded by shifting its forces closer to Israel, and a cycle of threatening rhetoric began.

For some reason, it is considered naive, or bad form, to suggest that Syria ought not to be able to sponsor military attacks against Israel while enjoying complete immunity from any Israeli response. Given this conventional wisdom. Israel cannot retaliate against Syria without risking an escalation for which it will be blamed

Netanyahu was right to reject this situation. But to change the rules, Israel must first lay the groundwork. It must make clear to the world Iranian planes full of arms land in Damascus and how those arms are used by Hizbullah in southem Lebanon. Syria's deniability, thin at best, must be removed. The US should be pressed to speak out for Lebanese sovereignty and against

Syria's military bullying. The US should not allow Syria to continue to enjoy its status as a peace process participant in good standing, while engaging in a proxy war against Israel. And the world should not turn a blind eye as the sovereign nation of Lebanon is sacrificed to further Syria's negotiating position.



A terrible time for joy

LONG with many others I worry that the redeployment in Hebron will signal the eruption of violence on the radical right. What concerns me no less, however, is that it may signal the eruption of left-wing celebration.

Such an expression of joy would indicate something very significant that before we physi-cally withdrew from the city we had already abandoned both our spiritual heritage and our secular Zionist aspirations.

Don't get me wrong. A longtime regular at Peace Now demonstrations, I am completely in favor of redeployment and the speedy continuation of the peace process in full compliance with the Oslo accords.

But I am also an observant Conservative Jew with deep roots in our history and our tradition. and I can declare without embarrassment that our ties to Hebron are an indelible part of my con-

We should all be leaving Hebron with a heavy heart. The city belongs to me as much as it does to the settlers in Beit Hadassah, My fear, however, is that these sentiments aren't shared by many with whom I stand shoulder to shoulder in rally after rally.

What has been happening with respect to religion in this Jewish state of ours is now happening with regard to land as well.

With the Orthodox establishment aggressively claiming exclusive ownership of the Torah, many people who do not feel themselves bound by classic Jewish law have decided to wash their hands of the whole business. "If this is what Judaism really is," they reason, "we want nothing to do with it."

Now the ultra-nationalist camp is claiming exclusive ownership of Eretz Yisrael, arguing vociferously that even the right-wing government they voted into office has no mandate to give away God's given land.

And again, those who do not take God's promises at face value are put off by what is going on. "If land has become more important than peace, even than life itself," they say, "what meaning can it

have for us?" But land is not incidental to

DAVID BREAKSTONE

Jewish identity. So much of who we are as a people is rooted in the relationship of the ancient Hebrews to the territory they came to possess. And the landscape that became embedded in the consciousness of our youth later served to sustain us through

countless generations of exile. At the onset of the Zionist revolution, Rabbi Kook merely put into words what the Jewish beart has always known: "Eretz Yisrael is not something apart from the soul of the Jewish people; it is bound organically to its very life and inner being."

If we do not leave Hebron with pain in our hearts the withdrawal could be the first step in the dismantling of Israel

Mere platitudes? No. Shimon Peres may well have lest the election because he seemed inured to such sentiments: Even many who applauded his and Yitzhak Rabin's willingness to exchange land for peace were put off by their appearance of being eager to make such a trade.

And one who feels no pain in withdrawing from Hebron, so the argument went, would have no difficulty in dividing Jerusalem.

THE ISSUE is not where to draw the borders of our nation but how to understand the essence of our nationhood. Unfortunately, this is language many who were born into Jewish statehood do not understand. The generation that takes Jewish sovereignty for granted is almost oblivious to the ancient longings which brought about that

sovereignty in the first place. This need not have been the case. Neither the haredim nor today's settlers shaped the modem-day doctrine in which land became a value of mythic proportions. It was an ethos forged by the early and irreverent pioneers of Zionism who walked tri-umphantly in the footsteps of Abraham, traversing the land with Bible in hand.

Their grandchildren prefer to traverse the world. To this younger generation, the very concept of homeland seems suspect, chauvinist, provincial.

The lack of motivation to serve in the army that made headline news cannot be attributed to the malaise that has paralyzed much of the nation since the Rabin assassination. The stories were mostly about those who had been drafted before that horrendous day, when the peace process was at its most promising and there was optimism in the air.

The phenomenon is better understood in the words of the teenagers themselves, who expressed grave reservations about their ties to this particular piece of land and about their willingness to make any sacrifice at all on its behalf.

If we cannot counter this lack of attachment to Eretz Yisrael, if we feel no pain on redeployment day, our withdrawal from Hebron could be the first step in the dismantling of Israel - not because the Arab world would interpret it as a sign of weakness but because it would be impossible to explain to our young why they should be here at; all. And they are already asking.

"Not by might and not by power, but by My spirit..." The haftorah on Shabbat Hanukka concluded with the message that it isn't strength alone that will permit us to establish ourselves in this promised land.

We could probably stay put in Hebron for a long time; maybe for ever. We have the might and we have the power, but the drain on our spirit would be debilitating. On the other hand, if we withdraw spiritless we betray not only

our past but our future as well. There can be no Zionism without consciousness of Zion. Our circumstances may require that we give up Hebron. They most certainly do not call on us to forfeit our heritage.

The writer, director of Ramah Programs in Israel, lectures in values education at the Seminary of Judaic Studies

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direction to a settlement of the conflict rent capability. They further agree that for this Israel has to control the Jordan

network interconnecting with the rear. Also its urban areas must be out of mortar and artillery range. If deterrence, then, is the sine qua non of peace, any Arab autonomous entity emerging in this pint-sized area can be nothing more than a grouping of separate urban areas with some rural hin-

Valley, the strategic highground

in Judea and Samaria and the road

terland. It would be a truncated entity, unable to build a proper army or allow free entry to kin. It would be limited as to foreign policy and in using resources such as water.

Essentially a besieged society, it would be a political powder keg threatening Jordan as well as Israel.

It would, moreover, never be able to grant its citizens their legitimate rights - which is why Rabin was against the establishment of a second Arab-Palestinian state and why Barak recently suggested on Israel TV's Arabic program that "some relationship" between the Arabs of Judea and Samaria (who were Jordanian citizens until 1988) and those of Gaza and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan "is advis-Madrid_

beside Israel and Jordan simply because communities have drifted apart and have two leaderships would be as logical as keeping the two Germanys separated. They were, after all, separated for much longer.

Arafat's ongoing jihad rhetoric and deeds convey his message

logue also carries a clear message. Provided there is solid Israeli cooperation and support, a Jordanian embourgeoisement that includes Jordanian antonomous enclaves within Israeli jurisdiction seems the more logical, if

jihad rhetoric, terror or manipola

The writer, a former MK and

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR STRANGE SCENARIO

TOXIC WASTES

Sir. - Like the duel between David and Goliath where the small tumbled the great, the small oganization, the Israeli Union for Environmental Defense (IUED) has brought the mighty complex, Haifa Chemicals, into line. IUED, commonly known as Adam, Teva v'Din, fought legal battles lasting almost three years to a positive conclusion at the end of November.

Highly toxic wastes from Haifa Chemicals had killed all life in the Kishon River and millions of tons had entered Haifa Bay. As a result of the judges' decision, modern waste treatment will ensure that further pollution will cease. Life is expected to return to the Kishon. The IUED was awarded the

highest damages in Israeli history in a case of of environmental damage. Haifa Chemicals has agreed to a positive program for change and, hopefully, this will point the way to other polluters of Israel's water, land and air. Those who would like to support

the work of environmental defense and the improvement of the quality of our water, air and land, might like to contact our offices in Tel Aviv at (03) 525-6462 or in Jerusalem at (02) 563-2177. MARGARET GOTTSTEIN

Jerusalem.

the culture he defends militates

against commitment of any kind.

While the autonomy of the individ-

Sir, - Uri Avnery ("The peace camp's shame," November 26) calls for "a large community of respected individuals" to wage an "unrelenting ideological media battle," lest his particular interpretation of a secular, liberal, individualistic Israeli society be lost forever. Doesn't Avnery realize this battle has been waged for years? When was the last time he watched TV? And yet his fears that his vision of Israeli society will become marginalized seem likely to come true. Avnery writes in the language of mobilization and commitment, yet

Sir, - A religious woman and lesbian - how droll (Sara Bat-Ami, November 24). The reference to Leviticus concerns of course men and, at the

risk of being called a knave or naive, I suggest that nowhere in our holy writings is there any mention or condemnation of such hizarre behavior in the female. In this strange scenario, how plement. come a husband and children?

DR. GERALD JACOBS

THE ABRAHAM FUND

Sir, - We are proud that the work carried out by The Abraham Fund was featured prominently in the article by Richard Z. Chesnoff ("Peace works," November 27). but would like to correct one possi-

ble misunderstanding in his report. Our work and funding is solely directed at promoting understanding and cooperation between citizens of Israel. We focus on the challenges facing the Jewish State in which almost 20 percent of its citizens are not Jewish. The Abraham Fund awarded nearly \$1 million in 1996 to projects that further these goals.

The rapid growth and interest in coexistence projects is reflected in the fact that requests for grant

COMMITMENT

Western culture, the militantly secular and individualist variant that Avnery advocates elevates the individual's regard of his own self and desires to the highest value. This philosophy breeds people who have no time and less concern for the pursuit of values broader than their own narrow selves. Most will treat any call for commitment and dedication to anything other than their personal welfare with skepticism. This is of course bad for society; but it also makes Avnery's proposal to create a mass movement of dedicated secular individualists absurd. The people who agree with him will, for the most part, sit in their armchairs, read his fiery words, nod ual is an important value in any in agreement, and... keep sitting.

EDITORIAL POLICIES

Sir, - I was very happy to read your editorial "Take on the extremists," (November 25). I hope this marks a change from the editorial policies of the past

I may even start reading the Post again - instead of getting it only on Mondays for the New York Times Sunday sup-

Professor L. DIESENDRUCK

some of your readers that The

ing applications until December 31, 1996.

and Arab citizens of Israel dis-

cussed so extensively on your edi-

torial page and in many recent

articles. Please continue your cov-

erage of what many people con-

sider to be the the No. 1 issue fac-

ing Israel in the coming years.

RACHELLE SCHILO,

Human nature demands a com-

mitment to communal values and

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ual's moral autonomy. People seek

meaning in their lives through such

values, and naturally seek a social

and intellectual framework, such as

patriotism or religion, that encour-

ages and legitimates such values.

People from the national and reli-

gious camp are more dedicated in

advocating in public the values

they love because those values

encourage moral activism; and they

are more successful in advocating

them because those values strike a

chord in others that the creed of

secular individualism cannot touch.

Ma'aleh Adumim.

YITZHAK KLEIN

The Abraham Fund,

Israel Operations

Jerusalem.

Exposure of dirty linen LMOST half of Norway's applications doubled between

tiny community of 1,600 Jews was slaughtered in Auschwitz. The lucky ones made 1995 and 1996. It may interest it to neutral Sweden. When the survivors returned in

Abraham Fund is accepting fund-1945 they discovered that most of their family money and belongings were gone — confiscated and It is encouraging to see the topic disposed of by Norway's own of coexistence between Jewish Nazis, the traitorous Quisling gov-Little of that modest but plun-

> the Jews had even been charged for the costs of their own transport to the death camps. And Norway's postwar government kept most of what was left. The Jews of Norway are finally seeing the beginnings of justice.

dered wealth was ever returned:

At meetings here of the World Jewish Congress Executive, Norwegian officials promised recently that in the wake of a longoverdue parliamentary investigation Norwegian Holocaust victims would be compensated.

It was no coincidence that the world Jewish body had gathered in Oslo, or that Norwegian officials chose their assembly to redress history.

More than 50 years after the Holocaust the worldwide search for its victims' assets has finally begun in earnest — and it is the 82nation-strong World Jewish Congress, led by Edgar Bronfman, that's leading the global battle for restitution and justice.

Along the way, details of one of Europe's dirtiest secrets are finally being revealed: It wasn't only the Nazis who stole from the Jews. Most of the governments of

RICHARD Z. CHESNOFF

nations occupied by Germany and neutral nations that profited from doing wartime business with Hitler - did their own share of plundering.

TILL NOW the spotlight has been on Switzerland. But the restitution

One of Europe's basest secrets: It wasn't just the Nazis who robbed the Jews

hunt is extending Scandinavia to the Balkans. If WJC Secretary-General Israel Singer was late for his family's Thanksgiving bunch in New York, it was because Singer went from Oslo to Stockholm to press the Swedish government to join the WJC in searching local banks for both unclaimed Jewish accounts and Nazi phander stashed in neutral Sweden:

France is also hearing cries for an overdue accounting of proper-ties and monies stolen by the same Vichy officials who shipped 75,000 Jews to their deaths.

In the Netherlands, where 100.000 Dutch Jews - 90 percent of that centuries-old community died in Nazi death camps, no one knows to this day what happened to the victims' confiscated wealth. Similar questions are being raised

in Belgium and Luxembourg. Major progress has already been made. Former US Federal Reserve Board Chairman Paul Volker now heads an international commission of "Eminent Persons" charged by both the WJC and the Swiss Banking Association with tracking down the unclaimed

accounts of Holocaust victims. Volker, who went to Oslo for four hours to brief a closed-door meeting of the WJC executive, admitted the Swiss bankers weren't happy about "seeing a lot of linen - dirty or otherwise - being exposed." Nonetheless, he announced a tough 18-month-long "investigative audit" of the super-secret Swiss banks by three big international anditing firms. It's long overtue.

So was Austria's recent decision to allow the auction sale of 8,000 art objects stolen from Jews and hidden in a monastery near Vienna. Millions from the sale went to the local Jewish community, in part to help Holocaust survivors.

Eastern Europe still has to account for its plunder. Hungary and Slovakia have begun remming Jewish communal property. But the Baltic states, the Czech Republic and Poland, where millions of Jews lived - and died are all dragging their feet.

Pressing them to redress the past is a duty. As New York lawyer Menachem Rosensaft, himself the son of Holocaust survivors, told me in Oslo, "We have a historical and moral obligation to the dead and the survivors alike."

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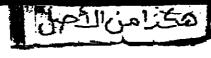
able." This was the idea at Establishing a Palestinian state

There are problems, of course of trust, acceptance, unity, goodwill. But whether through design or force of events, an Arafatland wouldn't necessarily even survive unless it overwhelmed one of the other Palestinian states, Israel or Jordan, or both.

clearly to those who listen. King Hussein's civilized dia-

less expedient, solution. This is the key to well-being, so legitimate rights and to stable. peace, as well as to a possible confederation of Palestine. There is no place in this scenario in

colonel in the IAF reserves, was a member of the Modrid peace mis sion in 1991.



ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

A French

NAOMI DOUDAL

L'Ex-Femme de Ma Vie ("My Eternal Ex-Wife"), a comedy by Yosiane Balasko. Hebrew, Niri Sevigny. Direction, Jack Messinger. Music Amos Hadni. Set, Dvora Morag, Costumes, Ilanit Kabasa. At Hasimta Theater, Old Jaffa.

y Eternal Ex-Wife, about yet another of these modern marriages on the rocks, is a comedy with a difference. First, and above all, it is French. So it goes without saying that the humor, the razzle-dazzle, the slapstick and the sex can never be sloppy, only scattily ironic, never saccharine, only wickedly witty; never innocent but emphatically post-adolescent. In other words, the gap between the senti-ment splashed around in Prehide to a Kiss and the spirit that rocks this very contemporary boule-vardier, is as wide as the Atlantic

Here, a divorced Parisian couple confront each other after an absence of six years. He, once an aspiring literary light, is now the successful author of pomographic potboilers. She, the would-be post-modernist painter, penurious funny costumes.

and pregnant, is reduced to painting people's houses. With the entry of his current cutie and her crazy shrink, their meeting, fraught with pathos and romantic flashbacks, soon explodes into a zany routine of ribald hilarity.

Dorit Nitai, wan and woeful as the ex-wife, inflicts herself on her bewildered ex with subtle and insistent charm. But Sharon Alexander, if sorely tried and highly inflamed, partners her with less charisma than could be expected of the impressive photogenic star of so many Israeli films. On the other hand, Maya Bar-Shalom, stunning in scarlet platform sandals, is delightful as the dotty, dimpled girlfriend while Avi Hadash, a shrink in shorts and scarlet suspenders, raises à storm of laughs whenever he appears.

Direction does a fast-paced, tightly woven job, exploiting the Simta's mini studio-stage, around which the audience is seated on three sides, to the greatest possible advantage. Added to an evening of uproarious entertainment is the use of a simple but stylish set and some fabulously



He (Sharon Alexander) writes potboilers; his ex-wife (Dorit Nitai) paints people's houses.

Peterson in Israel for good. "By

this time, I was pretty much fed up with Manhattan," he says. "I almost got killed. I almost got

mugged and wasted. Another time.

I broke an umbrella over the head

of a crack dealer. Manhattan takes a

lot out of you and doesn't it give it

back. So, in my first two trips I had

a real affinity with the people.

Because I'm very pushy and arro-

gant. It didn't faze me in the least."

other artists began to book

Peterson. They included Yizhar Ashdod, Mazi Cohen, Danny

Robas, Ricki Gal, Gidi Gov and

Rami Kleinstein. They all wanted

an authentic rock sound. "The fact

people here can't do." he says. "I

can provide a direct in-your-face

top artists from the US and play. He

teamed up with Yossi Fine, regard-

ed as the leading Israeli jazz musi-

his role in contributing to the suffering experi-enced by his children," he wrote in his judgment. The judge barred him from spending any time

with Dylan, 11, because "her therapeutic situa-tion is still too fragile and unsettled."

On the defensive according to some commen-tators, Allen has also now said that his four-year

relationship with Soon-Yi Previn, the daughter

whom Farrow adopted during her marriage to

conductor Andre Previn, is among the best of his

Allen, 61, says that he and Previn, 26, have a

'wonderful relationship" and a "genuine" love.

He says he sees no need to apologize to anyone

about his love for Soon-Yi, who is now in grad-

In the meantime, Farrow, who has 12 children,

most of whom are adopted, appears determined

to rid herself of every reminder of Allen. First

she renamed Satchel, her child by Allen,

Harmon. Then she changed his name to Seamus. Now she's renamed Dylan, the couple's adopted

Allen, whose real name is Allen Stewart

Konigsberg, has been married twice before, to

Harlene Rosen and Louise Lasser. He has also

had a lengthy relationship with Diane Keaton

who, like Farrow, has started in many of his

In better news for the beleaguered director,

Allen's new movie, a musical called Everyone

Says I Love You, starring Goldie Hawn and Julia

films, but who left him for Warren Beatry.

lowing its opening in the US last weekend.

uate school at Columbia University.

cian in the US. A bassist, Fine has

kind of sound."

I can provide certain things that

The minute he arrived in Israel

Ronnie Peterson – fourth king of the blues

OR Ronnie Peterson, life started in 1964 with the Ed Sullivan Show. His mother woke him up and told the sevenyear-old to watch the Beatles on what was then America's favorite

entertainment program. "I remember a lot of screaming," Peterson recalls. "That's about it. The most that a young person could remember at that age was the reaction they were getting: total may-hem. It kind of impressed me that this was something else.'

Peterson was booked and made the guitar, which he had been playing since age four, his life. He hardly ate. He rarely went to school. It was him and his guitar, and America became his stage.

Today, at 39, Israel is his home and Peterson has become the country's most celebrated rock and blues guitarist. Influenced by-thethree Kings — Albert, B.B. and Freddy — and Stevie Ray Vaughn, and Eric Clapton, he is a premier road with his blues trio. He is about to begin a series of shows at the Camelot festival at Tel Aviv's Camelot pub (16 Rehov Shalom Aleichem) with New York-based blues guitarist Hiram Bullock, who

TOM GROSS

dren, Woody Allen says he has plans to make a

In an interview with The New Yorker maga-

zine, Allen said that though "there's nothing I can

really do about it legally... I am going to do something about it publicly. I have a wonderful

idea for a kind of documentary that's funny and

Allen says he is thinking of calling the film

Meanwhile the dispute with Farrow over their

three children, Dylan, Moses and Satchel, con-

tinues. Last Thursday a New York judge gave

Allen permission, starting next week, to resume

seeing Satchel, who is now nine. But Allen will

be allowed to visit his son for only one hour per

Last year the New York-based Oscar-winning

film director was forced to end his weekly meet-

ings with Satchel after Satchel's therapist report-

ed that the boy "dreaded visitation with Allen

and suffered from nightmares and stomachaches

At the time of their split, Farrow accused Allen

of sexually abusing Dylan, and although the

charges were never proved, Allen's reputation

has yet to fully recover. In last week's ruling the

judge had harsh words for the director. "Mr.

"An Error of Judgment," adding that the error of

film about his complicated private life.

judgment was the judge's, not his.

week, in a therapist's office.

in anticipation of these visits."

sad and original."

PSET that, following a bitter custody bat-

tle with his former lover, Mia Farrow,

he's not allowed to properly see his chil-

became prominent on the David Letterman show and is regarded as one of the best in the business.

The two will play nightly from Sunday to Wednesday next week with a final show on December 22. Other artists at the Camelot festival include Danny Litani, Meir Ariel, Arkadi Duchin, Ehud Banai and Walter Blanding.

Peterson recalls his youth as an army brat, the son of a US Army officer stationed in Germany, who moved every two years to a different base. Before The Who smashed their instruments on stage, Peterson opened his forehead on his guitar during an exuberant performance of the Troggs' "Wild Thing." By age 10, his family was back in

the US and Peterson was learning Jimi Hendrix, B.B. King and Eric Clapton note for note. His brother, Ray, played bass. T would fock. myself in my room and play for 20 hours," says Peterson. "If I wanted to learn a song, I would record a

Benny Latimore had a No. 1 hit and needed a guitarist fast. "I played two licks and they said you're hired," he says. "I went on eventually married her.

The ongoing woes of Woody

the road for five years. One night we're playing for 20,000 people. The next night you're playing in some Southern bar. I was playing with every single major R&B act. I was the only white boy in the whole organization."

Peterson survived the boredom of the road by dabbling in and then becoming addicted to alcohol and drugs. After several years, and

failed marriages, he quit.
The turning point came in 1987 when he got a call saying that an Israeli rock singer was looking for musicians for a project. It would involve touring and recording. The artist was Shalom Hanoch.

"At the time, I must confess to being geographically challenged,"
he says. "I had no idea where Israel
was. I myself am not Jewish. Alt I'
remember about Islael is seeing
Mösie Dayan on IV and remember. bering how cool he looked. So I had no idea what to expect."

At 17, he got a call from TK Peterson came to Israel for three own music. His first step was to Records in Florida. R&B artist months and did the album Rak Ben convince a Tel Aviv club to bring in Adam. Then came the Hanoch tour, where he fell in love with a woman who worked for the producer and

played with such artists as Stanley The tours and recordings Jordan and rock stars such as Lou returned for several years until 1991 when Hanoch wanted

From there, Peterson decided he wanted his own band, composed of sabras. Nir Tsidkiyahu, who had finished recording with Genesis, joined on drums, Ziv Harpaz on bass. In 1993, Peterson recorded his first album, Mind Over Matter, a rock-blues mix which he financed and was distributed by Hed Artzi.

In the meantime, he was performing about every week. Then last year, following the birth of his son, Eric, he decided he wanted to play just "hard-core" blues. Peterson says he loves Israel, in contrast with "the disdain that Israelis have for their country. I want to be based here. Israel ... gave me a lot of opportunities that I never had. It reminds me of jazz

More sleepy than sleeping

ORA BRAFMAN

The Sleeping Beauty. The Israel Ballet. Choreographer Berta 161 AVIV Center. Performing Arts

The Sleeping Beauty, originally choreographed by Marius Petipa to a score by Tchaikovsky (and first presented in January 1890 in St. Petersburg) is one of the flagship ballets of the 19th century that is still regularly performed. It calls for a large company with an able soloist, a decent budget for the set, and an imagina-

tive choreographer.
The Israel Ballet production by Berta Yampolsky was first performed almost 10 years ago and at that time was considered quite an achievement. But now expectations are understandably higher -

THIS LAST WEEKS ON

WEEK WEEK CHARTS

of guest companies such as The National Ballet of Canada and the Stuttgart Ballet Due to lack of enough outstand-

ing soloists, the choreographer inevitably lowered her demands, diluted several variations (fairies, divertissements), took out some flair from the Rose Adagio, and gave up on the pas de deux in Act 3. The costume design by Lydia Pinkus-Gani, particularly in the large-group scenes, left much to be desired, and too many of the customs remained from the original production (horrid purples and dull peach and browns) - and they were dated even then.

The long-legged guest artist Anna Seidel, as the Princess Aurora, a beauty in her own right, brought some flair, sense of style and radiance to an evening which especially following the Beauties was otherwise a bit low-key.

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Prince loses his crown

DAVID BRINN

Emancipation PRINCE (NMC)

ow the mighty have fallen.At one time, Prince Loculd do no wrong, releasing some of the finest music of the '80s.

He was always weird, but stacked against the delights of "Little Red Corvette," "Purple Rain". "Raspberry Beret" and "Kiss," a little weirdness could be tolerated.

In this decade, he's changed his name to a symbol, and it is not only his name that seems to have gone missing, so has most of his talent

Emancipation, a sprawling three-CD set, is named after the freedom Prince has found since severing his ties with Warner Brothers, with the complaint they were stifling his creativity and signing with EMI-Capital.

If this debut is any indication, it's no wonder Warner reined him in. For Emancipation is one of the most self-indulgent discs you'll ever hear: a virtual oneman three-disc show full of vapid funk and rap, and soulless attempts at slick R&B pop.

Occasionally, a melody or key-board phrase will lurch out of the unimaginative disco-funk drum sequences that dominate 90 percent of the songs. But they are but faint echoes of Prince's highest achievements.

The highlights are all remakes of other artists' songs. "La, La, La" and "Beetcha By Golly Wow" are slow-dance soul, circa 1970s Spinners. And virtually the only rock number is a spirited rendition of Joan Osborne's 1995 rumination on God, "One

In the once amusing, now grating Prince vernacular, Don't 4get 2 leave this alone.

Breathe MIDNIGHT OIL (NMC)

Midnight Oil was the Australian version of U2 in the '80s – socially and politically conscious rockers oozing with

integrity and good intentions.

The band's commercial fortunes have sunk throughout the 90s, but not their artistic vision.: Breathe, their umpteenth album. is another solid if unspectacular

Not as intense as their signs ture tunes like "Beds are Burning," or as ambitious as 1993's Earth & Sun & Moon, Breathe displays a more relaxed band that has toned down its fury while still maintaining the fire.

The dark swirling guitar, bass and organ are still there, but they are tempered by touches like Emmylou Harris's lovely accompaniment on "Home" and singer/writer Peter Garret's straightforward lyrics and

He's replaced his frequent calls for activism with more personal themes, including a number of songs on the connection between water and spirituality. The most effective of these are the aptlytitled "Surf's Up Tonight" and "Underwater," the most enthusiastic advocate for moving under the sea since The Beatles' 'Octopus's Garden.'

Midnight Oil has matured with grace, and continues to provide no-frills adult rock rich in elegance and warmth.

Takin' Care of Business Kudos to Hed Artzi which has initiated a policy of selling most of their new releases for NIS 55. Similar to policies in US record stores where a large selection of latest releases and bestsellers are on sale at discount prices, the move enables music lovers to buy CDs at a price more or less comparable to that overseas. Let's hope the other record companies here follow suit.

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TOWER RECORDS' TOP 15

Allen continues in his inability to acknowledge Shaham's sweet Stradivarius

il Shaham's recent concerts. Jwith the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra affirmed his status as one of the world's leading violinists.

His rendition of the Dvorak violin concerto was pure lyricism. The tone of his Stradivarius is sweet, warm, lush and quite mature. He does not immerse himself in pure virtuosity but rather lets the overall ambience of the concerto guide him. And even when Shaham plays the virtuoso, as in Sarasate's Carmen Fantasy, he blends the musical fireworks into a very cohesive entity.

The IPO itself was in top form throughout, playing exceptionally well for Japanese maestro Jun'ichi Hirokami. However, Hirokami's rendition of Berlioz's Symphonie fantastique was annoying. He tries, but fails, to be different. By attempting to play it all like a huge larger-than-life drama, he negates CONCERT ROUNDUP

Woody Allen makes no apologies about his

romantic attachment to his former lover's

adopted stepdaughter Soon-Yi Previn. (AP)

the tender lyricism of the work's first three movements. Hirokami's choice of tempi was questionable all along and his overall conducting was out of balance and out of tune from the real essence of the work. It was more than disappointing, it was quite annoying. Mann Auditorium Tel Aviv, November 27, 30.

Michael Ajzenstadt

An immigrants' new string quartet, consisting of Israel Camerata members (Turi Glukovsky, Omri Tsach, Michael Plaskov and Alexander Sinelnikov), with pianist Gabriela Talrose, offered a demanding program in a chamber-music series devised to acquaint local audiences with newcomer musicians: the piano quintets by Brahms and Schumann. The artists proved that talented

musicians can overcome acoustically difficult conditions. They displayed well- distributed, forceful energies and tempi that sounded just right - except for Schumann's slow movement that was faster than the prescribed un poco largamente suggested – a finely developed sense for nuances of dynamics, and a

remarkable "esprit de corps." Hopefully, their collaboration will turn out to be not a temporary encounter but develop into a more solidified ensemble, for the enjoyment of larger audiences.

Mevakshei Derech Congregation. November 30. Ury Eppstein

Leaning towards the 20th century, the Sinfonietta "Classica No. concert was varied and urbane. Music director Uri Mayer found

pungency and humor in Stravinsky's neoclassic Dumbarton Oaks concerto, performed with clarity and focus. Modern French classic Ravel's Mother Goose Suite was sensitively shaded and effectively paced. Clearly Mayer and the Sinfonietta are in their element in this repertoire.

A new warm viola sound balance was heard in Elgar's Romantic Serenade for Strings, Op. 20 which witnessed a notable contribution by acting section leader Alexander Vinogradov, a newcomer from the Bolshoi. In Brahms's symphonic Double

Concerto in A minor, the Negev Chamber Orchestra put itself allout, for its colleague's concertmaster Yaron Prensky, and principal cello Gregory Yanovsky, who gave cogent informed solo performances. Beersheba Conservatory, December 7

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Tuesday, December 10, 1996

J. Beer to expand Bank Carmel holding to 58%

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

CARMEL Bank's board of directors has approved the allocation of 24 percent of the bank's shares to its controlling shareholder, Jacques Beer, for NIS 13.1 million, the bank informed the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange yesterday. The share allocation is intended

to increase Carmel's financial capital in order to gain control of Maritime Bank and to complete Beer's control of the bank. The board approved the share allocation at the start of the week.

Beer currently controls 34% of Carmel's shares. The shares will be sold at NIS 3.8 each. Carmel's shares were traded at NIS 3.77 per share at the end of last week.

The share allocation will be completed next month at Carmel's general shareholders' meeting. Several weeks ago, Carmel's

major shareholders entered advanced negotiations with Maritime in an attempt to reach a merger agreement by year end. The merger agreement is part of Carmel's plans to expand its activity, predominantly in the mortgage sector, and to enter commercial banking. The merger is expected to increase the two bank's chances of competing in the sector, currently dominated by the three largest banking groups.

Carmel is among the smallest mortgage and investment banks in the country, while Maritime is one of the smaller commercial banks. Maritime is controlled by US investment manager Michael Steinhardt, who together with Maritime chairman Shimon Topper holds 37% of the bank's shares.



Third quarter GDP up 3%

THE Gross Domestic Product rose a relatively low 3 percent in the third quarter, the Central Bureau of Statistics announced yesterday. In the second quarter GDP grew by 2%, with

a 6% rise in the January-March period. GDP is the total value of goods and services in the national economy, plus foreign business operations within the confines of the country.

indicator of the status of the economy. There was a relatively high (17%) annual growth rate in the import of goods and services (excluding the imports of military hardware, ships and airplanes) in the third quarter.

The GDP growth rate is usually the primary

Private consumption rose some 8%, with per capita consumption up 5%, compared with a total of 4% for the first two quarters.

Spending on durable goods in the period

showed a 16% increase in annual terms compared with the second quarter. This category includes such items as private motor vehicles, furniture, domestic appliances, televisions, and

video recorders. Private consumption excluding durable goods also rose, by 3% in annual terms, which the Central Bureau of Statistics said is a relatively low growth rate. Expenditure on food rose at an annual 21% per capita, with spending on clothing and footwear up 9%. On the other hand, demand for services dropped 5%, with spending on electricity, fuel, and postal

services remaining largely unchanged. Fixed asset investments (excluding ships and airplanes) grew some 16% in annual terms, during the third quarter. This came after increases of 5% in the second quarter and 17%

investments in the various economic sectors showed relatively high growth, concluding the period with a 28% increase in annual terms. investments in industrial equipment were up 27%, with spending on land-based industrial vehicles increasing 95%. Expenditure in the construction sector rose 8%, also in annual terms. Overall spending on residential housing fell

Exports of goods and services increased some 15%, after a decrease of 12% in the second quarter and increase of 4% in the first. Industrial exports (excluding diamonds) rose at an annual 11%, with diamond exports up 30%. However, agricultural exports decreased 4%.

Regulations for portfolio managers approved

THE Knesset Finance Committee finally approved the regulations for a new law requiring the licensing of investment consultants and portfolio managers yesterday. The law was passed a year ago, but because the Treasury had not drawn up the regulations, its implementation has been postponed.

Yesterday, the committee

approved another delay, so the law will now take effect only on July

According to the regulations, both investment consultants and portfolio managers must have NIS 300,000 worth of equity. They must also have insurance against lawsuits, though in some cases they can use a bank guarantee as a substitute.

The insurance must be at least NIS 500,000 for a single consultant, and the higher of NIS 300,000 or 5% of their total assets for either a consulting company or a partnership. For a portfolio manager, it must be the higher of NIS 500,000 or 5% of the value of his total assets. All sums are linked to inflation.

The regulations also require would-be investment consultants and portfolio managers to pass a series of examinations, though accompants, lawyers or those with university degrees in economic subjects can get exemptions from some or all of the exams. Investment consultants must also do a six-month apprenticeship, while portfolio managers must do a nine-month apprenticeship.

However, anyone aheady working in the field will be exempt from the apprenticeship, and someone who has worked in the field for seven of the last 10 years will be exempt from all exams except the one on stock laws and professional ethics.

De Beers to search for diamonds near St. Petersburg

DE BEERS said it has agreed to form a joint venture with a Russian company to undertake ducted under a technical agreediamond exploration for the first time in Russia, in the Arkhangel'sk region east of St.

Petersburg. The Russian partner, Northern Mining-Geological Co., or Terra, holds prospecting and mining licenses for two areas, Tovskaya and Ust-Pinega, said De Beers, the world's largest diamond pro-

The Tovskaya areas is located north of the port of Arkhangel'sk, while the Ust-Pinega area is

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ment De Beers has with the Russian mining authorities, company spokesman Tom Tweedy said. The venture isn't related to the pending marketing agreement between De Beers' Central Selling Organization and Russia. "This is purely prospecting and if we find any deposits, we will be evaluating them" for possible

mining, Tweedy said. He said prospecting is expected to begin almost immediately. Meanwhile, De Beers is still

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awaiting approval from the Russian government of a new trade agreement through which the CSO markets Russian dia-monds. The CSO and Siberiabased Almazy Rosssii Sakha signed a memorandum of understanding in February, naming ARS as the sole marketer of Russian diamonds to the CSO, which controls 75 percent of the

world's uncut diamond market. Pending government approval, Russia has continued sales to the CSO under the terms of a previous five-year agreement that was to have expired in December

Tweedy said he couldn't pro-vide an estimate of how much De Beers will be spending on the Russian prospecting. (Bloomberg)

Mutual funds' assets down 18% in '96 **GALIT LIPKIS BECK**

MUTUAL funds' assets plunged recent months, mainly because of 18.6 percent since the start of the year as a result of redemptions of Meitav investment consulting firm's calculations.

The funds' total assets decreased to NIS 13.1h. at the end of November, from NIS 16.1b. at the end of 1995. Meitav's mutual fund index increased 2.5% since the start of the year.

According to Meitav, the public continued to prefer shekel deposits and saving plans over mutual funds in the reported peri-

The alternative investment routes offer a reasonable return and low risk," Meitav explained. Meitav said mutual fund redemptions have decreased in

TENDERS

market. In November the funds' NIS 3.33 billion, according to the suffered redemptions of NIS 267 million, compared with NIS 238m. in the previous month.

Since the start of the year, the

the improvement of the share

share funds were the worst hit, with redemptions of NIS 1.5b. Flexible funds suffered redemptions of NIS 676m.; state funds reported redemptions of NIS 638m.; bond funds, NIS 569m.; mixed funds, NIS 390m. The foreign currency funds reported redemptions of NIS 126m., while funds specializing in investments in overseas shares reported

redemptions of NIS 31m. Standing out were the money funds, which benefited from deposits of NIS 605m.

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purchase the following goods/services: COST OF TENDER ... TENDER DESCRIPTION DOCUMENTS, INC. VAT (non-returnable) Stage I - Submission of Technical/Commercial Details, without Prices Period of Contract: The period during which the obligations and rights noted in the contract will apply, in accordance with the conditions to be agreed, will be for one year, with the possibility of extension for two additional years under the same terms, all at the discretion of the Electric Corporation. This option may be realized by the Electric Corporation at any time during the Preconditions for participation in the tender: 1. Bidder should submit a copy of a license (in the name of the bidder) for providing customs services, under the 2. A sworn declaration by the bidder, signed by an individual holding a position of authority in the bidder's firm, and notarized by an attorney or notary, and confirming that: 2.1. The bidder has operated a licensed customs service office during the 10 years preceding the date of submitting 2.2. The bidder operates offices in Ashdod, Ben Gurion Airport, and Haifa. 2.3. At the time of submitting his bid, the bidder must have in his employ at least 5 registered clerks, with at least 3 years' experience. The bidder must also employ, at the time of submitting the bid, at least one licensed official having at least 10 years' experience in classifying goods, and two others with 5 years' experience. 2.4. The bidder operates computerized offices, including on-line links with the Customs Authority's computer. 2.5 The bidder has the proven ability to integrate EDI technology into the computer system of an external body. 2.6 The bidder is prepared to deal with the acceptance from/clearing of goods on at least 3 ships simultaneously, at 2.7" For sea freight customs services - the bidder clears at least 600 items of sea freight. 2.8" Services for air freight - the bidder clears at least 1700 air shipments per month. * A bidder who fulfills only one of clauses 2.7 and 2.8 may submit a bid at the commercial stage for only one of the types of customs services required by the Electric Corporation. Low-voltage (up to 1 kV) Plastic Post Insulators, with Post Special participation conditions: The supplier must, within 14 days of the issue of an order, submit a complete sample, with inspection certificates confirming that the insulator meets the specified requirements. Only after the Electric Corporation has approved the Machine for Transferring Electric Cable from Drum to Drum Stage I - Submission of Technical/Commercial Details, without Prices Fire Detection and Extinguishing System for Rotenberg Power Station. Stage I - Submission of Technical/Commercial Details, without Prices Preconditions for participation in the tender. 1. The equipment offered (apart from monitoring boards) are to be listed or approved by at least one of the following FM - Factory Mutual - USA UL - Underwriters Laboratories - USA 2. The monitoring boards should be registered at UL, and approved by FM - both the control unit system and the 3. All the monitoring boards must be interconnectable by a closed circuit, with data transfer in both directions, and with the possibility of making some of them operable as central monitoring boards. 4. Bidders must have experience of at least 10 years in the design, supply, and installation of \$1 m, fire detection and 5. The supplier should be an authorized distributor of fire detection and extinguishing systems, and should be able to provide a 24 hour emergency service, seven days a week. Bidders should provide documentation, confirming that they meet the above preconditions. Single-Pole Fuse Switch, size 4 A 1250A/1600A NIS 938 Specification E-179/C of HRC Stage I - Submission of Technical/Commercial Details, without Prices The Electric Corporation reserves the right to order equipment, in an additional quantity of equipment, approximating the basic quantity specified, during a period of one year. Bidders should submit a sample of the equipment offered.

CONDITIONS APPLYING TO THE SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS (in addition to preliminary conditions specified for particular tenders);

a. A guarantee of 5% of the bid total, in the form of a private check, should be attached to the bid, except for tenders requesting technical information only (Stage 1). b. Participation in a tender is subject to complying with the preliminary conditions detailed in the Tender Regulations 1993, Para. 6(a) 1, 2, 3 (i.e., registration as required by law, compliance with mandatory specifications, and the holding of the permits required by law for businesses).

compliance with manuality specializations, and promise or any other required material, as required by the preliminary conditions, the Electric Corporation may allow the bidder to submit the missing material, within a period of time to be set by the Corporation. .

The tender documents may be obtained Sunday - Thursday, at the Market Research and Tenders Dept., 11 Science Pal-Yam, Halfa, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, on submission of a receipt, demonstrating payment (non-returnable) of the cost of the documents into the Corporation's account at the Postal Bank. Payment slips for making such payments are obtainable at the above address (Tel. 04-861545/4). Before purchasing the tender documents, they may be perused at the above offices, or at the Sales Unit, 90 Rehov. Provided in a closed emotion and lessel in Tenders Roy 1 in the Ref. Vice to information, but the new tenders and placed in Tenders Roy 1 in the Ref. Vice to information by the submitted in a closed emotions and placed in Tenders Roy 1 in the Ref. Vice to information by the submitted in a closed emotions and placed in Tenders Roy 1 in the Ref. Vice to information by the submitted in a closed emotion and placed in Tenders Roy 1 in the Ref. Vice to information by the submitted in a closed emotion and placed in Tenders Roy 1 in the Ref. Vice to information between the submitted in a closed emotion and placed in Tenders Roy 1 in the Ref. Vice to information and the submitted in a closed emotion and placed in Tenders Roy 1 in the Ref. Vice to information and the submitted in a closed emotion and the submitted in a closed emotion and the submitted in Yigal Allon, Tel Aviv, Asnoar building, critiance b, Floor 1, 1et. occurrence, occurrent, outlier, - making, and the above stated last date for submission of bids.

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News Corp. expands music presence with Japanese venture

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (Reuter) Moving to expand its role in the music industry, Rupert Murdoch's News Corp. Ltd. Friday linked up with Japan's hottest record producer in a venture it expects to be profitable within two years.

"We expect this venture to be profitable in the first year or two," said News Corp. President Peter Chernin at a news conference featuring Japanese music videos by Tetsuya Komuro, News Corp.'s partner in the venture.

The venture, to be called TK News, will be a music, television, and multi-media production company initially developing and promoting Asian artists in Taiwan, Hong Kong, and China. In the future, it will expand to other parts of Asia, the United States, and Europe.

Chernin said he expects TK News to generate significant revenues, but declined to elaborate. In the last two years, Komproproduced records have sold 55 million units. Gross sales of records produced by the 37-yearold Komuro, who is also a major recording star throughout Asia, have already reached \$500 million in 1996, News Corp. said.

The joint venture begins February 7 and will be based in Hong Kong. Its board will be cochaired by Komuro and 25-yearold Lachlan Murdoch, son of media mogul Rupert Murdoch and managing director of News Corp.'s Australian unit, News Ltd., and deputy chairman of STAR TV.

Chernin said News Corp.'s investment in the venture was minimal. He said News Corp. will continue to expand its music presence through more entrepreneurial ventures, but has no plans for major acquisitions at this time.

Lachlan Murdoch told Reuters after the news conference that bid for EMI Group Plc. Rumors of EMI's takeover have persisted since this summer's split up of Thorn EMI, its former parent.

News Corp.'s latest move into the music industry has fueled renewed speculation this week of a bid for EMI.

Seagram Co. Ltd.'s MCA Music Group has also been consistently rumored to be seeking a bid.

"News Corp. is extremely committed to a growing role in the music industry as is reflected by the recent appointment of my brother, James, to vice president for music and new media for the company," Lachlan Murdoch said. He said both he and James Murdoch, 23, worked closely with Komuro in the past few months to form the joint venture.

"James will be spearheading News Corp.'s interest and involvements in the music businesses," Chemin said.

"He'll be going around the world and doing an inventory of what our various interests are," he said, adding, "James has been involved in the music business and will look for additional opportuni-

Last year, James, Murdoch's youngest son, co-founded his own record label, known as Rawkus Entertainment.

No orders yet for Boeing's super jumbo

SEATTLE (AP) - With no orders yet for its new super-jumbo jet, Boeing Co. on Saturday pushed back the expected delivery date of the plane by a year.

Ron Woodard, president of Boeing Commercial Airplane Group, said an expanded version of the 747-400, currently the world's largest passenger plane, won't be delivered before the second half of 2001 - if an airline places an order soon.

The proposed 747-500X would seat 490 people and carry them up to 16,415 kms. The current 747-400 can carry 420 passengers up to 13,200 kms. An even bigger plane, the proposed 747-600X, could carry 500 to 550 passengers about 13,700 kms.

Many analysts had expected Boeing to deliver the first superjumbos by December 2000. Woodard said the market is too uncertain to keep that date, especially since no airline has placed

Boeing expects demand for the super-jumbos to top out at about 450 planes, whereas more than 1,000 747-400s have been deliv-

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Monsanto sees more gene-altered crops in 1997

KANSAS CITY, Missouri (Reuter) -Protests over the use of genetically altered crops have had little impact on consumer confidence, and should not stop growth in acreage devoted to herbicide-resistant soybeans or pest-resistant com, according to a Monsanto official.

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There could be as much as 10 percent of next year's corn crop in Bt production," Dr. Molly Cline, Monsanto's director of food industry relations, told an industry conference

on Sunday. Monsanto already produces herbicide-resistant Roundup Ready soybeans. It will have com that includes the Bt protein, resistant to the European corn borer, available to producers this year.

Citing a Monsanto-sponsored survey of 1,058 farmers who planted the genetically altered soybeans in 1996, Cline said 53 percent said they would plant again next year. About 32% said they would probably plant

Many were waiting for final yield data before making 1997 planting

decisions, she said. The use of Roundup Ready soybeans has drawn worldwide protests from environmentalists and critics who say that genetically altered crops have no place in the food

However, most regulatory bodies in Europe, Japan, and the US have determined that soybeans are safe

for feed and food usage. But the European Union has not given approval for the use of Bt corn. Acceptance will vary by country, but for most consumers there are

bigger [food safety] issues," Cline

According to a survey sponsored by the US trade group the Food Marketing Institute, consumers in the US said spoilage and pesticide residues are the top food safety con-

American professor wins **Wolf Prize** in physics Jerusalem Post Staff

PROF. John Archibald Wheeler won the 1997 Wolf Prize for physics, the Wolf Foundation announced yesterday. Wheeler, a professor emeritus at Princeton University and the University of Texas at Austin, developed the modern "black hole" theory.

Wheeler was chosen for his seminal contribution to black hole physics, to quantum gravity, and to the theories of nuclear scattering and nuclear fission," the foundation said.

Wheeler has received numerous awards since the 1940s, when he and Niels Bohr developed the theory of nuclear fission.

(Continued from Page 1) and immigration; to avoid increased unemployment and inflation; to guarantee there is no difficulty in funding imports; and to ensure the improvement in the

general quality of life is not Netanyahu urged the cabinet not just to think of their own ministries or constituencies, but also

of the greater good of the state. "In my opinion, if we do the right things, we can double per capita GNP within 10 years," he said. "We must do these things at the start of our term of office. I guarantee you that for the duration of the term, you will see huge changes, including increases in every one of your ministries. This will be one difficult year, but I am asking you to support the bud-

Both Netanyahu and Meridor claimed before, during, and after the cabinet session that there are no new taxes or tax increases in the proposals. However, Hebrew University economist Prof. Ephraim Kleiman said the pro-

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There was some speculation last

night that Erekat, who was in

Cairo over the weekend and met with Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa, was receiving conflicting advice from different Egyptian aides. Moussa often has approach to dealing with Israel. Meanwhile, Israel and the Palestinians have agreed, as they have every month for the last six, to ask Norway to extend the deployment of its officials in Hebron. There are an estimated 80 Norwegians in the city. The force will be broadened to include

an uncompromising other countries once a Hebron pullback deal is struck. The appeal was formalized after a meeting yesterday between Erekat and Foreign Ministry

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me a red line, as it meant that the

number of school hours would be cut, while the number of pupils per class would rise. As things turned out, this will not happen. I was greatly affected by the support for education shown by all the ministers, especially (Industry and Trade Minister Natan] Sharansky."

· Sharansky: "I volunteered to cut my own ministry's budget and make a contribution from our funds to the Education Ministry. I will be doing so in the hope that this will serve as an example to the other ministers."

Absorption Minister Yuli Edelstein: "The cuts are not simple for any of us. But I believe that measures were taken not to harm the weakest members of our society by imposing different cuts on different categories of ministries. Most of the ministers understood that the cuts are essential to put the entire economy on the right track for the benefit of all sectors of society."

· Agriculture Minister Rafael Eitan: "There are times when there is no choice but to cut. A little pain now will work toward a healthier economy later. I don't think that it is impossible for any minister to trim a little fat, so long as each minister is given the opportunity to decide where in his ministry the cuts will be made. Thus each minister can make sure that what he considers to be the highest priorities are not compro-

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posals, in effect, include direct and indirect tax increases, "be they in higher fees or if the cuts in child allowances are implement-

Director-General Eitan Bentsur.

In general terms though, Kleiman said the government is toeing the correct economic line. "If the cuts are implemented,

the government will have been playing it right," he said. "I am happy they are not cutting so much from the education budget, which is an investment in the future."

He also said the government must avoid cuts to the infrastructure budget, but said he is not perturbed by plans to make cuts in investment aid grants. Now the Bank of Israel must wait to see if the cuts are successfully implemented and then begin lowering interest rates, Kleiman added.

Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel called on ministers to approve the cut. During his address, he said that the board of the International Monetary Fund

will discuss the state of Israel's economy in 10 days. IMF economists are currently stressing that Israel is at a crossroads. There is great potential, but this could be destroyed if the budget cut is not approved.

Sharansky said he felt the final decisions were "very healthy." Up to 24 hours before the meeting, Sharansky and his Yisrael Ba'aliya colleagues were threatening to vote against the budget, but after a meeting with Meridor they expressed satisfaction that their conditions had been met, principally in ensuring government-subsidized housing becomes readily available for new immigrants.

Sharansky criticized certain of the proposals put forward by his cabinet colleagues. "Imposing taxes on employers is wrong, and so is increasing the minimum wage," he said. "We need to find the right balance between the economy and helping the weaker

There is a chance the budget will pass in the Knesset; it is important this happens. In the last 18 months, the government wasted a great deal of money. This is going to be a very dramatic year, to get us back on track."

The Knesset must vote on the budget's second and third readings before the end of the calen-

Haim Shapiro adds: Karsav, whose ministry's budget would be pared by 3%, or NIS 22m., under the new cut, said that it is not logical to stop funding the tourism industry, which has a 90% added value and which is one of the few to show an immediate return on marketing invest-

Karsav said it is especially foolhardy to take money away from tourism promotion at this time. when incoming tourism is suffering from a serious slump.

Only two days ago, the government approved a NIS 10m. tourism marketing allocation to be spent over the coming two

TASE stable as market awaits budget developments

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET FELICE MARANZ 205.65 +0.42% +0.14% Two-Sided Index

STOCKS were little changed yesterday as the cabinet debated a Finance Ministry proposal to cut an additional NIS 1.8 billion from

next year's budget.

Koor Industries Ltd. and its subsidiary Tadiran Ltd. both gained 1 percent in late trading after a new report that a Tadiran subsidiary, Tadiran Systems, was negotiating to sell \$170m. worth of military equipment to two unspecified governments. A spokeswoman for the company declined to com-

According to preliminary figures, the Maof Index rose 0.14% to 215.24 and the Two-Sided

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Index rose 0.42% to 205.65. "There's a general agreement that a budget cut will go through," said Daniella Finn, head of sales at Tel Aviv investment firm Batucha Securities & Investments Ltd. "It's a question of how much will go

Tech stocks power US market rally

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks rallied back yesterday, led by technology shares, as investors continued to shake Friday's jitters over a seemingly veiled warning by Federal Chairman Alan Greenspan that the markets are too

enthusiastic. On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average rose 82.00 to 6.463.94, completely erasing Friday's 55-point plunge.

Broad-market indexes advanced sharply too, with the technologyrich Nasdag composite index jumping back into record territory. The Nasdaq composite index jumped 28.59 to 1,316.27, and the American Stock Exchange's market value index rose 4.78 to

Computer-related shares led the day's advance, shrugging off Friday's steep pullback amid optimism the holiday selling season has been going well for the sector.

The comments on Thursday night by Greenspan were initially taken as a threat that the central bank would raise interest rates to curb what he called an "irrational exuberance" in the markets.

Foreign markets quickly sold off early Friday and bond prices slid, sending interest rates higher, all before the open on Wall Street, US stocks opened sharply lower Friday morning, but rebounded much of the way with bonds after the latest unemployment data allayed fears the economy was accelerating at an inflationary

Advancing issues outnumbered decliners by a 3-to-1 margin on the New York Stock Exchange, with 1,948 up. 640 down and 755

The Standard and Poor's 500stock index rose 10.13 to 749.73, and the NYSE's composite index rose 4.54 to 394.69.

Markets recover from Friday's drop **WORLD MARKETS ROUNDUP**

LONDON (Reuter) - British shares after posting the biggest one-day ended broadly higher yesterday as drop this year on Friday, brokers ended broadly higher yesterday as investors shrugged off last Friday's 88 point slide, which was the London market's biggest one-day percentage loss in more than two ears. A robust early performance on Wall Street and continuing evidence that institutional investors on both sides of the Atlantic are still awash with cash helped push the FTSE 100 Index 48.6 points higher at 4,011.6 by the close.

FRANKFURT - Calm descended on the German stock market yesterday, helping shares to reclaim more than half of their loses from Friday's rout and raising hopes for a resumption of the traditional pre-Christmas rally. The 30-share DAX Index ended the session up 65.28 points at 2,857.24 points. In post-bourse trade the index rose 37.77 to 2.870.30.

PARIS - French shares closed higher, but a last-minute bout of profit-taking eroded the early gains booked in a rebound to Friday's 2.26 percent slide on remarks by US Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan. The blue-chip CAC-40 Index closed up 15.12 points at 2,255.84. ZURICH - Swiss shares closed

1% higher after a firming Wall Street supported the indices in late trade. The easing Swiss franc was favorable for industrials, dealers said. A technical reaction to Friday's losses buoyed shares from the start, but some profit taking temporarily put prices under pressure. Further development was seen depending on Wall Street The all-share SPI added 23.28 points to 2,473.95.

TOKYO - The Tokyo stock market's key benchmark staged a strong comeback, gaining over 300 points in the course of the day at 1,517.8.

said. But most market participants were still hesitant and trade was thin, they said. The Nikkei 225 surged 327.01 points to 20,603.71.

HONG KONG - Hong Kong stocks advanced steadily to close higher, despite concerns about anti-speculation measures for the territory's booming property market, brokers said. "We expected to see this bounce

in the morning, but at any rate this pick-up was expected," said Glenn Lesko, head of equities trading at HG Asia. "If it were not for the government's [possible] anti-speculation measures, we would see a stronger move up." The Hang Seng Index put on 41.50 points to end at 13,144.23. SYDNEY - Australian shares

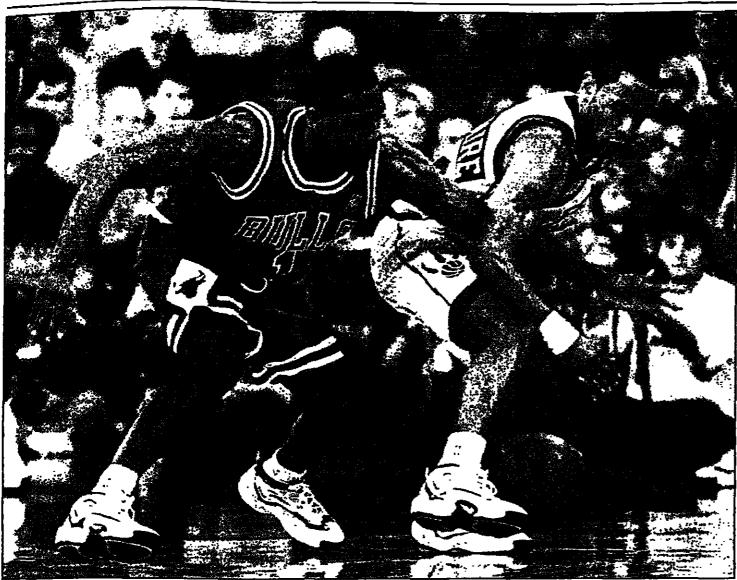
bounced to a firmer close, after being dumped on Friday following Greenspan's comments. The benchmark All Ordinaries Index ended 25.9 points up at 2,339.8, not far from its intra-session high JOHANNESBURG - Having

raced up from the start of trade, South African industrial shares lost most of the ground they had earlier gained by afternoon and ended the day mildly above opening levels. Heavy selling of stocks by active futures players dragged industrials off the highs they climbed out of relief that Wall Street did not lose as heavily as was expected.

Industrial shares rose 24.8 points to 7,820.0 and all-shares were pulled up 13.9 points at 6,615.1. Gold shares were fairly motionless and traded just under opening levels all day, weighed by a dull bullion price. The gold index finished 9.7 points weaker

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CRAZY LEGS - Toronto guard Damon Standamire (right) struggles for control of the ball while Chicago guard Randy Brown tries

Jordan scoreless in second half as Bulls lose second straight

seemed as though this NBA season was going to be predictable.

The Chicago Bulls were on a pace to win 70 games again. maybe even 73. It seemed as if the only things certain in life were death, taxes and another championship banner for the rafters of the United Center.

So much for that. The best record in the NBA no longer belongs to Chicago, the first time that's happened since the end of the 1994-95 season.

The Bulls lost that bragging right with a weekend they'd love to forget, dropping back-to-back games to the Miami Heat and

Toronto Raptors.

Making matters worse, the latter game Sunday featured the mraveling of the Bulls' composure and the worst clutch performance by Jordan since the 1995 Eastern Conference finals.

Not only was Jordan scoreless for the entire second half, he dicked up a costly technical foul with 50.5 seconds remaining in the 97-89 loss at SkyDome. It came less than a minute after Dennis Rodman was ejected for his second technical.

"I can't even put it into words," said Doug Christie, who defended Jordan "I try to not get too high or too low but that was a great win. Spectacular."

Jordan wasn't putting it into words, either. He bolted for the Bulls' team bus rather than speak to the 50 or so media members waiting for an explanation.

The Raptors scored the first nine points of the fourth quarter to get back into the game, and took an 85-84 lead on Damon Stoudamire's jump shot with 2:04 to play. Stoudamire finished with a career-high 31 points.

Rodman was then charged with an offensive foul under the Toronto basket, and he responded by waving his arm in a dismissive gesture at referee Mike Mathis. That prompted referee Bill Spooner, who was 50 feet away, to hit Rodman with his second technical of the game.

"I've been trying to be a good boy, I don't know what else to do." said Rodman, who was outrebounded 18-11 by Popeye Jones. "It's sad. David (Stern, the NBA commissioner) has these referees in diapers and they can't make any calls. I've never seen anyone: technical foul for waving his

hand." Stoudamire sank the technical foul shot and Jones made two free throws for a four-point lead. After Jones grabbed a defensive board, Stoudamire drew a foul on Randy Brown - a call that irked Jordan enough to earn him a technical.

"They don't usually call those

late in the game, especially against the Bulls," Jones said.

Stoudamire made the technical foul shot, then made the first of two free throws for a 90-84 lead with 50.5 seconds remaining. His assist on Carlos Rogers' basket 20 seconds later wrapped up the upset before a delighted crowd of

Suns 91. Pacers 84 Wesley Person scored 21 points and tied a career-high with six 3-pointers as host Phoenix won its third straight. Phoenix, which lost a franchiserecord 13 games to start the season, never trailed in snapping the Pacers' club-record road winning streak at five

Person shot 7-for-13 from the field. including 6-of-9 from 3-point range. As a team; the Sons made a seasonhigh 10 3-pointers. A.C. Green chipped in 12 points as the Suns eclipsed the 100-point mark for just the fifth time this season. Lakers 110. Timberwolves %

points in the first quarter and Shaquille O'Neal had 22 points and 10 rebounds The win was the fifth in six games for the Lakers, who made their first three field goal attempts and never trailed. The 24-point margin of victory

Nick Van Exel scored 17 of his 23

was the largest of the season for the Kings 91, Magic 84 Mitch Richmond scored 22 points

and host Sacramento, bolstered by the

addition of Tyus Edney and Michael Smith to the starting lineup, never

Edney scored 18 points with seven assists and Smith had a game-high 13

rebounds. Darrell Armstrong scored

17 points for the Magic.
Warriors 114, Spurs 88 Joe Smith scored 24 points, Latrell Sprewell added 23 and bost Golden State snapped a two-game losing streak while handing the Spurs their 10th loss in 11 games.

The Warriors shot 56 percent for the game and 64 percent from 3-point (9-of-14) range. Golden State was a combined 1-of-27 from long range in its previous two games.

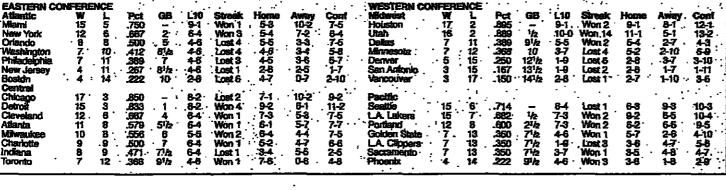
Bucks 100, Celtics 87 Vin Baker scored 24 points to help host Milwaukee overcome the loss of Glenn Robinson to an ankle sprain.

Robinson left the game in the second quasics after aggravating an injury he first systemed Saturday night. Ray: Asses added:17 points for Milwaukee. while Sherman Douglas contributed 16 points and 10 assists and Andrew Lang had 14 points and 14 rebounds. Cavaliers 90, Clippers 69

Terrell Brandon scored 30 points and sparked a 12-0 run to start the secand half for host Cleveland eight rebounds to lead the Clippers, who lost their third straight game.

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Maccabi tops Galil Elyon

NADAV Henefeld stole the ball under his own basket, and then converted two free throws on the other end to ice Maccabi Tel Aviv's latest victory.

Last night's 88-86 win over Galil Elyon moved the Tel Avivians into first place, while the northerners suffered their first home loss of the season.

The game had an interesting theme, as four members of the alltime Galil Elyon team, Henefeld, Doron Sheffer, Brad Leaf and Oded Katash, took the court as members of Maccabi Tel Aviv. One of the traits of Galil players is an ability to find the open man and bury the three-point shot, and Maccabi buried its long-range bombs to the time of 11-16 en route to the victory.

Early in the second half, with the score 49-48 Maccabi, Henefeld hit a fallaway three-point shot that sparked an 8-0 run giving Tel Aviv a comfortable lead. Thanks in large part to Henefeld's suffocating defense on Gur Shelef, coach

Zvi Scherf's club was able to maintain a secure lead for most of ample opportunity to close the gap, however crucial turnovers (13 overall) stymied several potential spurts.

Shefer left, and by Shelef.

At that point, Maccabi decided

the half. The northern club had

But then Sheffer, the former Galil star playing in his first game in Kfar Blum since the championship clincher over Maccabi in 1993, fouled out with just under five minutes remaining. Sheffer's departure precipitated a late Galil drive, as the northerners cut a tenpoint deficit to two, 82-80, in less than three minutes. The charge was spearheaded by Gil Sela, who was able to penetrate at will after

to pound the ball inside to Randy White. White utilized his considerable bulk to convert two free throws and a field goal on consecutive Maccabi possessions, enabling Tel Aviv to keep the tor-

rid pace set by Sela and Shelef.
On Maccabi's next possession though, Buck Johnson, who had an otherwise solid second half. committed an offensive - fonl allowing Galil to take the final possession down 86-84. However Henefeld came through with the swipe, saving the game for

Maccabi. White paced the Tel Avivans with 21 points, Johnson added 16, while Henefeld and Sheffer contributed 14 apiece. Sela was outstanding for the northerners, leading them with 21 points. Shelef and Andrew Kennedy scored 20 and 17, respectively.

National Basket		97-9	
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Givat Shumei	5	6	15
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Maccabi Remat Gan	5	5	15
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Massahi Rishon	4	7	15
Hapoel Tel Aviv	4	7	15
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Rift widens between athletes, managers

IT was meant to be devoted to the development and promotion of sport in Israel but instead, the conference at Kfar Hamaccabiah last week only served to strengthen the rift between the sports managers

and the managed. Lending her voice to swimmers Yoav Bruck's critique in Ma'ariv of the Israeli Olympic Committee and especially its head, Ephraim Zinger, was Olympic medalist

Yael Arad. The overwhelming feeling among the sportspeople is a dissatisfaction with the powers above because of their lack of experience on the sports fields and swimming

pools. Director of the Wingate Institute, Dr. Gilad Weingarten, also had his say, calling on the top echelons to resign and to let sportspeople run the show. The problem has been noted before and is likely to be noted again.

Little Las Vegas If Eilat mayor Gabi Kadosh has his way, his fun-loving city will be trans-formed into an Israeli center for boxing, or in his own words, "little Las

legas."
This comes after the success of the international tournament, "Eilat - Red Sea"over the weekend with 60 boxers from nine states competing. While most teams did not field their top boxers, Israel's second place finish (three gold medals, two silvers and eight bronzes) was a remarkable achievement and gave the President of the European Boxing Association. Emil Zeicheav from Bulgaria, the push to amounce that the European Nations Cop can and will be held in Ellat in

December 1997. Ukraine won the competition with three gold medals, four silvers and one THE LOCAL SCENE

HEATHER CHAIT bronze. Kazakhstan was third. Making gold for Israel was Alexander Zibishev (63.5 kilograms), Romy Chesla (67kg) and Visam Hezkiya (81kg).

Golfers grab the spotlight Uri Shani and El Ad Hasson, coming in the Visa two-person scramble golf championships at Caesarea, scored 64 for a first place finish. Itamar Cohen and Dudu Salach managed 65 and in third place were Shuki Zadikian and Dan Feingold. Also in the limelight were Sami Haciyo whose 225 meters drive was the longest of the day, Jeff Isaacs who landed up two meters from the hole on the tenth and Nissim Zanati whose eighth hole shot dropped just

three meters from the hole. National tennis team

reaches new heights The national tennis team has reached the main group of the European Men's Team Championships for the first time, after winning their section in Paris this week. The team, Nir Welgreen, Yoni Erlich and Raviv Weidenfeld, beat Romania 3-0, lost to Spain 2-1 and beat France 2-0 to lead their group. Israel has competed four times in this tournament but only now

qualifies for the elite group. Tackwando national championships underway
The national tackwardo champiouships are being held today and tomorrow at Kibbutz Tzor'a. Today is the turn of the tackwando "babic some as young as six, who will not be involved in any physical contact. Tomorrow the youth and seniors competition will be held with the finals at 4pm. Coming to dabble in a different martial art will be judoka Oren

Smadja, sure to be a hit with the con-Bikers heading for Jerusalem Jerusalem will be filled with two-

wheeled enthusiasts this Friday when "Jerusalem for Bikes" holds a ride through the city. The cyclists will begin at Sacher Park at 11am and pedal along to the Patt junction, Katamon, Baka and end at the tayelet in Talpiot. Also demonstrating bike passion will be a few blind

cyclists, riding together on tandems with people with normal vision. Rollerblade bockey tourney

opens this week Herzliya will be overrun this week by a throng of rollerblades, as the national in-line hockey tournament gets underway. Teams from the three main cities as well as from Ashdod, Reut, Petach Tikva and others will participate in the categories - grades 1-4, 5-9 and 10-12. Crazy Roller, a rollerblades center, is hosting the event and the long-term aim is to start a national in-line hockey league. For more information call (09) 552277 or

(09) 509584. Baseball - A Hannuka tradition Over one hundred young baseball aspirants, ages 10-12, played in the two-day, Second Annual Hamuka Tournament which was concluded yesterday at Kibbutz Gezer. Twelve teams competed with Gezer beating Jerusalem Gray (one of four Jerusalem teams in the contest) 9-2 in the final. Ra'anana was third. The event was organized by the Israel Association of aseball and directed by Blair Portnoy. The season is due to begin in March and for more information, call

(03) 6494098. Squash tourney set to begin Ronen Goldberg and Yair Feld are the two top seeds for the Grand Prix squash connectition to be held tomorrow through Monday at Herzliya's squash club, Twelve seeded players are in the first round while qualifying rounds will be held to fril the remaining four spots. While the draw for this event is already closed, watch this col-

Kumble, Srinath wreck South Africa

KANPUR, India (Reuter) - Leg spinner Anil Kumble and medium-pacer Javagal Srinath exploited an uneven pitch to bowl South Africa out for 177 in their first innings, giving India a 60-run lead on the second day of their third Test on Monday.

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But South African paceman Fannie De Villiers struck back immediately to claim opener Woorkeri Raman leg before wick-

South Africa
A. Hudson low b Kumble
G. Kiraten c Raman b Kapoor
H. Gibbs b Kapoor
D. Cullinan c Azharuddin b Kumble
H. Cronle c sub (Lauman) b Kumble
B. MoMillan b Srinath
D. Richardson b Srinath
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et for two and leave India seven for one at close. South Africa were cruising

incisive bowling. by having Darryl Cullinan caught brilliantly for 29 at first slip by Mohammed Azharuddin off a fastish leg break, and Hansie Cronje caught by substitute

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Halle was close to signing with Leeds when Howard Wilkinson lost his job as manager in September and the deal fell through.

But new boas George Graham revived the club's interest and signed the player on a 2%-year deal.

Reuter Norway's Halle joins Leeds

Baseball transactions heat up Right bander, Alex Perhandez signed a five-year deal with the Provide Madius yesterday for a commant believed to be worth about \$35 million. Also yesterday, two-time Cy. Young award winner Bret Saberhagen signed with the Boston Red Sox for a one-year contract worth right of \$1.1m. In other moves, pitcher framny Key Jeff the New York Yankees on Sunday for a \$7.8m. (wo-year contract worth right of the New York Pankees on Sunday for a \$7.8m. (wo-year contract with the Balterior Criolise.) with the Baltimore Orioles.

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Hull goal gives Oilers the Blues

EDMONTON (AP) - Brett Hull, back on the ice after being benched for a game, scored the go-ahead goal midway through the third period Sunday night, giving the St. Louis Blues a 3-2 vic-

tory over the Edmonton Oilers. Hull slipped behind the Edmonton defense, got a pass from Peter Zezel and beat goaltender Curtis Joseph at 10:04 of the third period for a 3-2 lead. Hull's 12th goal of the season was his 33rd goal in 33 games against

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MURRAY Perahia displays his skills playing Mozart's 24th (K.491) piano concerto as well as Schumann's Concerto Allegro with Introduction. Michael Stern, making his local debut, leads the IPO in Tchaikovsky's Francesca da Rimini and the Meditation and Vengeance Dance from Barber's Medea. At the Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv tonight and at the Haifa Auditorium on Saturday (8:30).

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Curtain Up and International Exposure take off at the Suzanne Dellal Dance Center with three premieres: Noa Dar's Nothing But with live music from Tractor's Revenge about memory and forgetting in the collective: *Poppins* by Anat Danieli which she describes as born of an autumn mindset, and Barak Marshall's A Land of Sad Oranges based on a traditional song from Aden. On the mainstage at 8:30 p.m.

THEATER

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HEFETZ, the story of a terminal loser who threatens suicide because he's not invited to a family wedding, is one of Hanoch Levin's best. The excellent Cameri Theater revival directed by Ilan Ronen stars long-time Levin specialists Tikki Dayan, Yitzhak Hizkiya, Yosef Carmon, and Ya'acov Cohen in the title role. Tonight on the Cameri mainstage at 8:30. (Hebrew with simultaneous translation into English.)

FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

**1/2 JACK - In Coppola's new comedy, Robin Williams plays a 10-year-old boy with a rare medical condition that causes his body to age at four times the normal rate. The littlekid-trapped-in-a-grown-up-body routine is an



extremely thin thread from which to hang an entire film, and one is tempted to dismiss the picture out of hand for the predictably corny lessons it offers - about seizing the day and holding fast to your inner child. But Williams's portrayal of this aged prepubescent is so genuine and guileless that it lifts up and dignifies an otherwise-undistinguished bit of formulaic Hollywood pap. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. General audiences.)

MUSIC

HELEN KAYE

HAN Tang Yuefu is a musical ensemble from Taiwan. The four musicians and five singers (dressed in colorful costumes) sing and play the music of imperial China. At the Einav Music Center in Tel Aviv tonight at 10.

TELEVISION

ELANA CHIPMAN

The Discovery Channel's series Looking for Lost Worlds focuses tonight on the story of the discovery of King Tutankhamen's tomb by the English archeologist Howard Carter. Carter's patron dedicated his life to preserving and studying the tomb situated in the Valley of the Kings in Egypt. At 10 p.m. and again tomorrow at 5 p.m.

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS

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AZD

- I It measures two attributes of a gymnast (6,7)
- 10 Available to customers, or about to arrive (2,5) 11 Offensive rumour about a
- retired doctor (7)
 12 Falsified one's accounts? (4) 13 Highlight of 70s fashion
- trousers? (5) 14 When bulbs come to life?
- 17 Keeps going, or waits (5,2) 18 Once in the theatre, he demands his moneysworth
- 19 Reserve player gets no score—with very chilly result (7)
- 22 N. America's largest meat
- producer (7)
 24 One king is showing the
- 25 Start to speak out as an orator? (5)
- 26 Become engaged in some sharp practice (4)
- 29 Comes to school and listens 30 One of the toasts that may
- be offered with a meal (7) 31 Resolute drama students
- are (8,2,3)

DOWN 2 Bill goes to the North gate

- 3 Might be in or even out (4) 4 Aviation spirit (7)
- 5 Trainee goes round Grand National course (7)
- 6 An entrance I'd turn in at
- 7 One may peg out playing it (7)
- 8Site for an open-air theatre? (5.8)
- 9 Stake all on success when
- there's little choice at the butchers? (4,2,7)
 - 15 The remains of a sporting trophy (5)
 - 16 Port and orange (5) 20 Swell watering place (7)
 - 21 One who is against work has a problem (7)
 - 22 Made a come-back after hitting bottom (7)
 - 23 Cast pie out, though it's germ-free (7)
 - 27 Bargain for crop (4)
 - 28 Such a fuss getting to the party (2-2)

SOLUTIONS



ACROSS: 1 Heir, 3 Terminal, 9 Allow, 10 Culprit, 11 Dim, 13 Germinate, 14 Tenant, 16 Untidy, 18 Practical, 20 Get, 22 Lattice, 23 Throb, 26 Renegade, 28 Edge. DOWN: 1 Hoard, 2 III, 4 Escort, 5 Million, 6 Narrating, 7 Lottery, 8 Twig, 12 Manhattan, 14 Tippier, 15 Nothing, 17 Screed, 19 Late, 21 Table, 24 Rid.

ACROSS 7 Lithographs (6)

8 Stimulus (6) 10 Disregard (7) 11 Fold (5)

12 Simple (4) 13 Flavour (5) 17 Rigid (5) 18 Bill of fare (4) 22 Crowd (5) 23 Wise (7)

24 Useless (6) 25 Kind (6)

6 Malice (5) 9 Constant (9) 14 Spire (7) 15 Advantage (7)

19 Larceny (5) 20 Banai (5) 21 Binge (5)

WHAT'S ON

E CHANNEL 1

8:31 News in Arabic 8:45 Exerpise Hour 7:00 Good Morning Israel

TELEVISION

EDUCATIONAL TV

8:00 Surprise Train 8:35 Kitty Cat and Tommy 8:45 Gaya, Gal and Gat 9:00 Shalom Sesame 9:30 The World & Round animation 10:00 Storybreak 10:35 Zombit 11:00 Stories from a Flying Trunk (1979) — three Hans Christian Andersen stories (83 mirs.) 12:25 Flight of the Angel 13:00 The Onedin Line 14:00 Surprise Train 14:25 Kity Cat and Tommy 14:45 Gaya, Gal and Gill 15:00 Zombit

E CHANNEL 1

15:30 Tinytown Tales 15:50 Booly 16:00 Mysterious Island 16:25 What's the Noise? wysenous isano 16:25 What's the Noise?
- classical music 16:55 Zap to Zionism.
16:59 A New Evening 17:34 King Solomon
- Solomon talks to the animals in the first
episode of three-part musical based on
Bialik's "Legends of King Solomon." With
Duron Tavori, Riki Gal and Gil Alon. 18:15
News in Enotich.

ARABIC PROGRAMS 18:30 Apropo 19:00 News in Arabic

HEBREW PROGRAMS
19:30 News Flash 19:31 Lighting of the sixth Hanulda candle 19:34 Aliens in the Family 20:00 News 20:50 Lotto results live 20:55 Mine Host Meni Pe'er 22:00 fizhak Perlman: In the Fiddler's House (1995) – documentary about viofinist Perlman's journey in search of his musical roots among the klezmer players of Eastern Europe 23:00 Songs We Loved 23:30 News 00:00 Verse of the Day

10:00 Dam Cat – animation 12:05 Happily Ever After: The Emperor's New Clothes 12:35 Cartoons 13:05 A Matter of Time 13:30 All Together Now 14:30 Junior News 15:00 Aladdin 18:00 Bold and the Beautiful 18:50 Lighting of the sixth Hanukfa candle 17:00 News magazine 17:30 Fresh Prince of Bel Air 18:00 My So-Called Life 19:00 Hartzufirm 19:20 Price is Right 20:00 News 20:30 Wow! The Most Awesome Acts on Faith 21:05 Fact with Awesone Ads on Earth 21:05 Fact with lana Dayan 22:00 Gov Night 23:15 X-Files 00:00 News 00:05 X-Files 00:18 Night Encourters with Kobi Medan 1:00 Jazz, Blues and Videotape 1:55 On the Edge of the Shelf

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■ JORDAN TV

14:05 Budgie 14:25 Oscar's Orchestra 14:40 I Love Lucy 15:00 French programs 16:00 At the Zoo 16:30 Dog House 17:00 News Rash 17:01 Fun with Physics 17:15 Road to Avoniea 18:00 French Programs 19:30 News headines 19:35 Murphy Brown 20:00 Documentary 20:30 Encourage – 12k 20:00 Documentary 20:30 Encourter - talk show 21:10 Star Trek - The Next Generation 22:00 News in English 22:30 China Beach 23:15 Mission Impossible 00:00 Are You Berrg Served?

III MEDDLE EAST TV

7:00 Quantum Shopping 8:00 TV Shop 14:30 700 Qub 15:00 Larry King 16:00 Hunter 16:55 Family Challenge 17:45 Family Matters 18:10 Saved by the Bell 16:35 Day and Date 19:30 World News Tonight (Arabe) 20:00 American Footbal 23:00 CNN 23:30 700 Ctb 00:00 TV Shop 2:00 Quantum Shopping 3:00 TV Shop

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■ ITV 3 (33)

16:00 Cartoons 16:30 Things That Cent Be Sold 17:15 From Day to Day 18:00 Amores 19:00 News in Arabic 19:30 Video Clips 20:00 News 20:45 Pauroole of the Bailey 21:40 Showcase 22:15 Cinema magazine 23:15 The Mayor of Casteronoge -

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15:30 Wonder Years 16:00 The Eye of the Dragon 16:30 Nippon 17:35 Bush Tucker 18:00 Family Aburn 18:30 Effect Carbons 19:00 Auction 19:30 Mirror 20:00 A New Evening, with Russian subties 20:30 Welcome to France 21:00 Sar Treic The Next Generation 21:45 Pup Songs 22:00 Move Magic 22:30 Saga de la Charson – six-part series 23:30 Shakespearean Theater

III FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

8:00 Sisters (rpt) 9:00 One Life to Live (rpt) 9:45 Young and the Restless (rpt) 10:30 Days of Our Lives (rpt) 11:20 Perla Negra (rpt) 12:10 Neighbors (rpt) 12:35 Dates (rpt) 13:30 Staring at 1:30 14:10 Surke's Law 15:00 Sisters 15:50 Days of Our Lives 16:40 Neighbors 17:10 Dates 18:00 One Life to Live 18:45 Young and Restless 19:30 Local broadcast 20:00 Perla Negra 20:50 Savannah 21:40 Beverly HBs 90:210 23:20 Larry Sanders Show 23:45 Law and Order 00:30 Sik Stationgs 1:20 North of 60

MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

11:30 Time Rider (1983) (rpt) 13:05 New at the Cinema 13:15 Inciscretion of an American Write (1954) — an American Write (1954) — an American woman meets her ballan lower for the last time at the Rome train station, With Jenniller Jones and Montgomery Ctift (60 mirs.) 14:20 Seeing Stars 14:45 Battling for Baby (1991) (rpt) 16:20 The Mosquito Coast (1996) (rpt) 18:15 New in the Cemena 18:25 The Rape of Doctor Write (1997) (rpt) 20:00 See You in the Moming (1989) — Jeff Bridges is a psychiatrist who must get over his first marriage in order to deal with a new relationship. With Ferrah Fawcett and Alice Krige (87 mins.) 22:35 Beyond Betrayal (1994) (rpt) 1:10 Naked (1993) (rpt)

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Jingle All the Way 11 a.m., 1, 5, 7, 9:30 ★
James and the Giant Peach@Homeward

Bound II 11 a.m., 1, 5

3:25 Betrayed (Dutch, 1992) - a lawyer on the verge of retirement discovers that his younger partner and heir is having an after with his wife. (115 mins.)

E CHILDREN (6)

8:30 Cartoons 8:00 Popcoma 9:00 Jm Jn and the Panda Patrol 9:30 Coure Mano 10:00 Hugo Special 10:30 Adventures of Pete and Pete 11:05 Hugo Special 11:30 Hugo Special 11:30 Hugo Special 13:00 Popcomia 13:30 Tasmana 14:00 Jin Jin and the Panda Patrol 14:30 Coure Mano 15:00 Animanaas 15:30 Hugo Special 16:00 Adventures of Pete and Pete 16:20 Hugo Special 17:00 Fancin with Hugo Special 18:00 Adventures of Fete and Pete 16:30 Hugo Special 17:00 Hanger with Mr. Cooper 17:30 Shesh-Tus 18:00 Hugo 18:30 Surprise Garden 19:30 Three's Company 20:00 Rocko's Modern Life and Ren & Stimpy 20:25 Mamed with Children The Company 20:15 Los and Clark 20:50 Roseanne 21:15 Los and Clark

E SECOND SHOWING (6)

22-00 Death in Venice (1971) – visually sunning film by Luchino Visconti based on Thomas Mann's novel about an aged musical who fails in love with a Polish boy. With Drik Bogarde. (123 mins.) 00:05 Mississopp Class (1093) – Retrand Tavarnar and Blues (1983) — Bertrand Tevernier and Robert Parish joined forces for this odyssey of the South, captured through the religious fenor of the evangelical movement and blues music, (92 mins.)

EDISCOVERY (8)

8:00 Open University 12:00 Great Palaces — Topkapi (rpt) 12:30 Fork in the Road — Argentina (rpt) 13:00 Presumed Guity — exposé of British criminal justice (rpt) 14:00 Open University 16:00 Great Palaces (rpt) 16:30 Fork in the Road (rpt) 17:00 Presumed Guity (rpt) 18:00 Open University 20:00 Little Vicious — a look at the trag-comic story of the relations between people and dops 20:30 Paleoworld: The Legendary T. Rex — experts present the controverses about Tyrannosaurus Rex and its true returned 21:00 National Geographic Explorer 22:00 Searching for Lost Worlds — Tutanicramen 23:00 Little Vicious (rpt) 23:30 Paleoworld (rpt) 00:00 Open University

SUPER CHANNEL

6:00 Seina Scott 7:00 The Ticket 7:30 NSC News 8:00 Today 10:00 Wall Street 11:00 European Money Wheel 15:30 Wall Street 17:00 MSNBC — The Site 18:00 National Geographic 19:00 Cooking 19:30 The Ticket 20:00 Seina Scott 21:00 Dateline 22:00 Baskethalt NCAA 23:00 Tonight Show with Jay Leno 00:00 Late Night with Conan O'Brien 1:00 Later with Greg Kinnear 1:30 NBC News 2:00 Tonight Show with Jay Lenc

E STAR PLUS

6:00 Yan Can Cook 6:30 E! TV 7:00 Kate and Alie 7:30 Oprah Winfrey 8:30 X-Fles 9:30 Santa Barbara 10:30 Bold and Beautiful 11:00 Khandaan 11:30 Imbhan 12:00 Home and Away 12:30 Lost in Space 13:30 Black Stallion 14:00 Kate and Alie 14:30 Yan Can Cook 15:00 Mastering the Internet 15:30 Star News in Hindi 16:00 Small Wonder 16:30 Bold and Beautiful 17:00 Hindi program 17:30 Star News 18:00 Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em 18:30 Beverly Hills 90210 19:30 Bold and Beautiful 20:00 Santa Barbara 21:00 Dynasty 22:00 Baywatch 23:00 Quincy 00:00 Oprah Winfrey 1:00 Barnaby Jones 2:00 Home and Away 2:30 The Suffivans

ECHANNEL5

6:30 Bodies in Motion 16:00 Bodies in

CINEMA

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Bronx 11:30 a.m., 5, 7:45 * Jude 9:45
* Jingle All the Way a.m., 5, 7:30, 10
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E EUROSPORT

9:30 Trathion: Grand Prix, Hawaii (rpt) 10:30 Repressional Sport Magazine 11:00 Speedword - metosports 13:00 Eurogoals 14:00 Boxing 15:00 Showboard 16:00 Socied Racing World Cup, Austra 17:00 Shocking White Gold Cup, Britain (rpt) 18:00 Darts, Germany 19:00 Motor Record loce, France 19:20 Mitorstones, Magazine 20:00 Dars, Germany 19:00 Motor Hacing on ice. France 19:30 Microsports Magazine 20:00 fluck Pating — season roundup 21:00 Snooker, World Championship, Britain 22:00 Soung: Heavyweight match 23:00 Body Building 00:00 Soccer, World Cup Legends

FINE SPORTS

6:00 Succest Assen Cup (rpt) 8:00 Gost Million Dotar Tour, South Africa 10:00 Beach Soccest Your from Kuala Lumpur 11:00 Assa Soort Show 11:30 Squash: World Open 12:30 Gost Omega Tour 14:30 Soccest Assan Cup – UAE vs. Indoness: Kuwat vs. Korea – Eve 19:00 Gost: Million Dotar Tour, Scuth Africa 21:00 Tha Kickbourng 22:00 Tru Triamlon, World Cup 23:00 Asian Soccest Show 00:00 Squash: World Open 1:00 Beach Soccest Tour from Kusala Lumpur 2:00 Table Tennes: Yugoslavia Open

BBC WORLD

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Police shoot bank robber during chase

RAINE MARCUS and JUDY SIEGEL

THREE masked robbers armed with a knife and pistols held up a Bank Hapoalim branch in Rosh Ha'ayın vesterday. Two of them managed to escape with the cash. Police shot and wounded the third during a chase and he was later

A number of bank customers and passersby went into shock.

The wounded tobber was captured in his town of Kafr Kasim. A Magen David Adom ambulance took him to the Rabin Medical Center-Beilinson Campus in Petah

At 9 a.m. the robbers entered the bank. One stood guard at the door and another near the bank's guard while the third went to the counter, demanding cash. But while a clerk was handing over the money, another employee phoned police, who arrived immediately and wait-

When the robbers emerged, they fled in their vehicle with police in hot pursuit. According to police, the robbers opened fire on them, and police shot back, wounding one of them in the stomach.

A Kupat Holim Clalit health fund clinic team, which heard the shots from the clinic located 50 meters away, ran over to the bank with their emergency medical equip-ment. Prof. Michael Weingarten and his colleagues treated the customers and passersby.

In the meantime, the three robbers succeeded in escaping from police, who later found their abandoned vehicle in Kafr Kasim. The wounded man was arrested

when he turned up at a grocery store in the town. Before surgery, he refused to cooperate with police. Last night police were still searching for his two accomplices, whose identities are known.



Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon lights a hanukkia with a delegation from the Israel 2000 project, which visited the Knesset yesterday. The project aims to build a "better Israeli society" through cooperation among various businesses and volunteer youth and chil-

Supreme Court upholds conviction, sentence of teenage murderer

THE Supreme Court yesterday upheld the conviction and sentence of a teenage boy who murdered an 11-year-old on Kibbutz Shoval five

The teenager, who was 16 at the time, lived with his mother in Beersheba. His parents were divorced, and his father was living with a woman and her three children on Shoval. The youngest, 11, was mentally retarded.

The teenager went to visit his father one Shabbat in August, 1991, and when the two adults woke up from their afternoon nap, the 11-year-old was missing. The

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following day, his body was "discovered" by the teenager, who initially accused his father of the mur-

But three days later, he changed his story and said he had killed the boy accidentally. Later he changed his story again and said he had murdered the boy due to a fight over what television show to watch. He was eventually convicted on the basis of this confession. after a psychological examination found that he was emotionally disturbed and prone to outbursts of anger and cruelty, but not insane.
Justices Eliahu Mazza, Ya'acov Kedmi, and Ya'acov Terkel rejected the argument that inconsistencies between the teenager's confession and the facts should lead to his acquittal. The inconsistencies were minor, they said, compared to the fact that he had revealed many important and previously-unknown details in his confession.

Finally, they upheld the 20-year sentence, saying it was justified in light of the "monstrous" nature of the crime and his emotional problems, which could lead to future violent outbursts.

Yahalom slams OC Manpower for remarks on religious officers

MK Shaul Yahalom (National Religious Party), chairman of the Knesset Law Committee, has sent a letter to Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai asking him to clarify statements attributed to OC Manpower Maj.-Gen. Gideon

praising officers from the national community, but

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answered a question on whether there is a threat increasing num-bers of religious officers will lead to right-wing extremism in the military: "They won't be more Sheffer was quoted in Ha'arete -them a minority. We'll find a number of officers who do not wear

Yahalom said this implies that officers "will be chosen not for their abilities, but according to whether or not they wear kippot, despite the fact he finds no fault with the way they function."

Yahalom said this harmed the candidates for officers courses, as Sheffer is sending out a message to limit the number of religious officers.

<u>NEWS IN BRIEF</u>

Bar member assures Justice Barak of support Attorney Moshe Aloni, a senior member of the Bar Association, met with Supreme Court President Aharon Barak yesterday to assure him that most of the Bar rejected the criticism Bar chairman Dror Hoter-Yishai had levied against the court. Aloni said the meeting was aimed at restoring the good relations and cooperation which previously existed between the Bar and the court, and that Barak also supported this goal.

Court defers appeal in Bengaiev case The Supreme Court gave the state a month's extension yesterday to decide on its position vis-a-vis a minor convicted of involvement with the same murder for which Elazar Bengaiev was apparently wrongly convicted last year.

Bengaiev was released recently after three other men confessed to the murder, but the state said there was evidence connecting the minor to the new suspects as well. The court therefore agreed to defer the minor's appeal for another month while the state examined this evidence.

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NRP honors Shmuel Meir

The National Religious Party Knesset faction held a poignant meeting yesterday dedicated to Jerusalem deputy mayor Shmuel Meir, who was killed in a road accident last week. Paraphrasing a poem, faction chairman Hanan Porat called Meir "one of Jerusalem's stones."

At yesterday's meeting, Likud MK and Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olment asked the MKs to fight during the budget discussions for the funds and resources for the city as required under the Basic Law: Jerusalem, the Capital.

The NRP MKs also protested the arrest on Shabbat of Hebron Jewish community spokesman Noam Arnon.

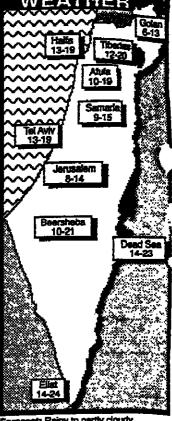
Ministry to form panel to study smoking ban on flights JUDY SIEGEL

THE Transportation Ministry is to set up a professional committee to discuss prohibiting smoking on all flights entering and leaving Israel, and not only those flights that take less than two hours. This arrangement reached yesterday by Transportation Minister Yitzhak Levy, the Israel Cancer Association, a group of El Al cabin staffers and a frequent flyer received the blessing of the High Court of Justice.

Studies have shown that the recycled air inside passenger aircraft is not decontaminated, thus toxic concentrations of cigarette smoke are high.

Justice Tova Strassberg-Cohen, who heard the application for a temporary injunction against Levy, and fellow Justices Dalia Dorner and Zvi Tal, said they would give the ministry committee three months to deal with the problem, and that the minister would have to present his position on the issue in May.

According to the 1994 legislation barring smoking in all workplaces, the restrictions are applicable only in buildings and therefore do not cover flight person-



AROUND THE WORLD



Winning cards

The winning cards in yesterday's daily Chance draw were the seven of spades, nine of hearts, ace of diamonds, and nine of clubs.

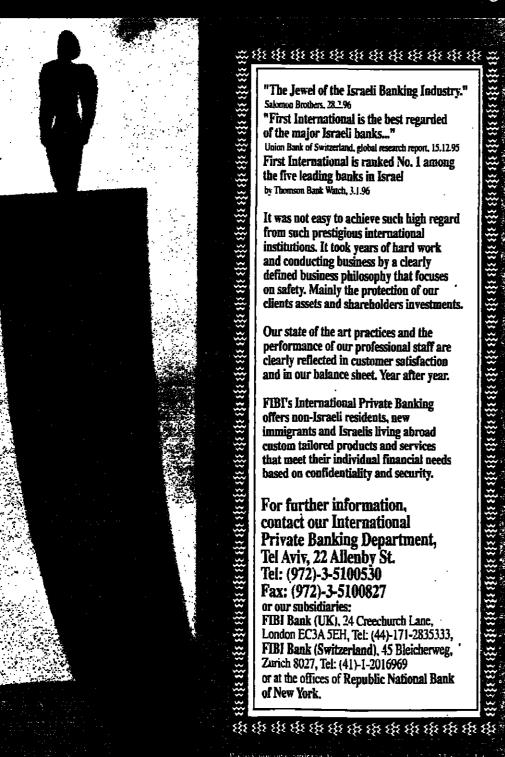
Lubotsky wants probe into Nazis in Canada, Australia LIAT COLLINS

MK Alex Lubotsky (Third Way) has raised the question of whether the Justice Ministry is following up on a newspaper expose on the extent to which Nazi war criminals have found sanctuary in Canada and Australia and whether the ministry intends to ask for their extradition.

The situation in Canada was reported in the Jerusalem Post Magazine on November 22.

Lubotsky expressed concern that Israel had fallen victim to what he called "The Demjanjuk Syndrome." and had become hesitant to chase war criminals since John Demjanjuk was acquitted.

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